

It's My Life!

Text: Matthew 6:25-34

Introduction:

1. Worry is one of the most common emotions found amongst man. Our text condemns not just worry (which might be better called concern), but the inordinate concern which negatively affects my actions and life.
2. Often we have such concern of matters over which we have absolutely no control:
 - (1) our stature (vs 27)
 - (2) gray hair (Matthew 5:36)
 - (3) even things involving our skills (races, battles, accomplishments of knowledge) often are simply influenced by "time and chance" (Ecclesiastes 9:11)
 - (4) We plan, but ultimately acknowledge our limitations (James 4:13-14)
3. Are we then to simply lay back and say we have no control at all? No! As our title suggests we must realize that while there are many things we cannot control, *we must own up to the fact that it is our life, and thus realizing such we must discern the things we can control and take responsibility for them!*
4. This lesson will seek to help us with some issues of priorities on those things we should take control of (and really worry when we do not!)

Discussion: It's my life, therefore I must take control of...

- I. Whether I Am A Child of God (John 3:3-5; Acts 2:37-41)**
- II. Whether I Attend and Worship Him as He Demands (Hebrews 10:25; John 4:23-24)**
- III. Whether I Am Part of the Component Growth of the Church (Ephesians 4:16)**
- IV. Whom I Fellowship (1 Corinthians 15:33; 2 Corinthians 6:14-17)**
- V. Whether I Strive To Draw Nigh To God (James 4:7-8; Hebrews 7:19; 4:15-16)**
- VI. How I React To Persecution (2 Timothy 3:12-14; 1 Peter 3:14-16)**

Conclusion:

1. As we consider these things we need to realize that what we are in effect
2. Each generation seems enamored with the idea of "my life" - but we must realize that it doesn't really come down to just "It's my life - I did it my way" but "It's my life - did I do it the right way?" My eternity depends upon it! (2 Corinthians 5:10)