

A Culture of Anxiety

(Luke 12:22-31)

I. The Culture: A world of real trouble, exaggerated trouble, and imaginary trouble

- the culture creates unnecessary panic

II. The Context of the Passage

- A context of financial issues
- Three-tier conversation:
 - “The man” – v. 14
 - “The Crowd” v.16
 - “The disciples” – v.22
- the disciples are not at the point of their temptation
- disciples do have the capacity to worry

III. The Command in the Passage (v.22)

- A. A Command to combat nature. Is it realistic?
- B. “Do not worry” – to tear apart (Luke 10:41 12:11)

IV. The Critique of God’s People

- A. Worry signifies a wrong focus v. 23 (Romans 14:17)
- B. Worry indicates an ignorance of God’s reputation v.24, 27, 28
- C. Worry is not profitable v. 25
 - “hour to life...”
 - “cubit to height...”

D. Worry contradicts our identity vv. 29, 30