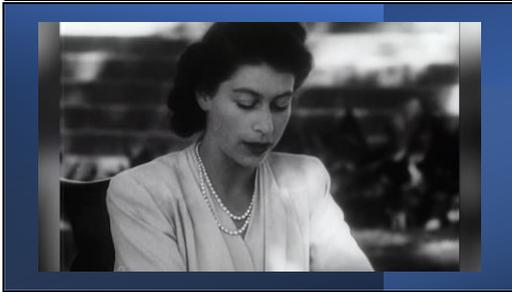




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April 21, 1947, on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, Elizabeth gave this speech.  
In September, 1951, her father King George VIII, a lifelong heavy smoker, had a cancerous lung removed.  
On February 6, 1952 he died in his sleep



Her last Christmas message



Tourists paid \$250,000 to take a submersible operated by OceanGate Expeditions 2.4 miles down to view the wreckage of the Titanic





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**destroy** – they will destroy, no doubt about it, ruin  
**break in and steal** – they will break in, they will steal, not on a looking spree

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**store up for yourselves** – you have a part to play, no one can do it for you, set it aside where it can be safe later on.

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Greed and materialism – Overwhelming dependence



Michael Jackson on a “shop[ping spree]” in Las Vegas



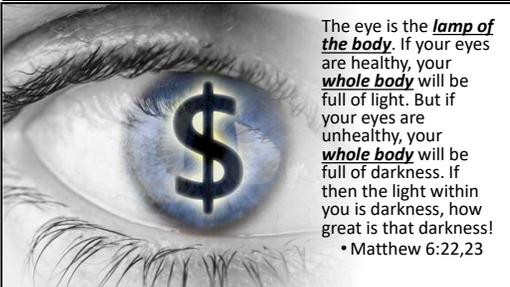
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**lamp of the body** – Let’s light in, if your eyes are blind or closed, it doesn’t matter how much light there is, you’re still in the dark.

**whole body** – not just one part, but every part of us.

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•Matthew 6:24



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**serve** – don't have a will of our own, give ourselves over to someone else.

**hate** – chose someone over someone else.

**love** – want to do the best for someone else.

**devoted** – hold onto

**despise** – look down on, contempt,

**cannot serve both God and money.** – which one will be your choice.

Therefore I tell you, do not **worry** about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

**Worry** – anxious, divided, distracted, pulled in different directions.

Luke 10 – it was Martha's home. Mary's at Jesus' feet. "But Martha as **distracted** by all the preparations that **had to be made**"

**distracted** – our word worry.

**had to be made** – not nice to do, but "HAD" to be made as decided by Martha. Jesus never handed her a list of his requirements or expectations.

Can any one of you by worrying add **a single hour** to your life?

**a single hour** – the smallest possible increase.

Martha and Mary



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•Matthew 6:27

And why do you **worry about clothes**? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

•Matthew 6:28-30



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**Worry about clothes** – distracted by what we wear, how we look.



So do not **worry, saying**, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the **pagans run after all these things**, and your **heavenly Father knows** that you need them.  
 • Matthew 6:31,32

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**worry** – distracted.  
**saying** – what we say to ourselves and to one another, it consumes us.

**pagans run after all these things** – no one wants to be called a pagan, outsiders, not from here, gentiles.  
**heavenly Father knows** – God knows and is concerned about it. Not always in line with what we think, or what the people around us think either.

But **seek first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**seek** – search, desire, look into, investigate, get to the bottom of it, not always looking and looking but reaching out and coming to a conclusion,  
**first** – what's in front of, most important, number one. And how do you do this? By God's grace

Clip from Father Stu



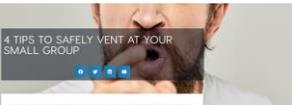
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It's all God's grace.



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