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## Worry-Free Decisions

*Luke 12:13-34*

Have you ever given a friend a gift that you knew was exactly right? Remember how good it felt to see the joy in your friend as he or she opened the gift. Wouldn't it feel good to experience God's pleasure over a decision you have made, never having to worry whether you have done the right thing?

GROUP DISCUSSION. Describe something you did that brought real pleasure to another person. What has someone done for you that pleased you?

PERSONAL REFLECTION. Who have you been attempting to please? How have you been going about it?

When a man came to Jesus upset about an inheritance, Jesus took the opportunity to talk with his disciples about pleasing God instead of worrying about self. *Read Luke 12:13-34.*

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1. Describe the man in verse 13. What were his worries?

2. What do the people of our society worry about?

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3. What impact do our worries have on our decisions?

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4. Why wouldn't Jesus help the man in this story?

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5. To what extent has "the abundance of possessions" been an ingredient in your decision-making process?

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6. The rich man thought he had made a worry-free decision (v. 19). Why was he called a fool (v. 20)?

7. The rich man did have a problem that needed to be solved (v. 17). What decisions could he have made that Jesus would have found pleasing?

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8. Why are ravens and lilies so carefree?

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9. What would be different about making a decision from a raven or lily's point of view?

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10. How does our worry dishonor God?

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11. What does it mean to seek the kingdom of God (v. 31) and provide a treasure in heaven (v. 33)?

**12.** How have you sought God's kingdom as you have been making decisions?

*Pray about everything that worries you, putting it into God's hands again.*

**Now or Later**

Doubt can often be the same as worry. *Read what James has to say about this in James 1:2-8.*

According to these verses, why are some people confused?

Why is a wave an apt description of a doubter?

What advice does James give us for dealing with doubt and worry?