

Reality is...

Matthew's Gospel 6:31-33 (NIV)

A. "Do not worry! Seek **God** first!"

- According to the Bible, "**worry**" means caring for something so much that it becomes your **master**
- This passage (teaching) concerns not worrying about **financial** security or material **possessions** (Matt 6:31)

B. But according to the **world** around us, reality is... "You need **money** first!"

- In time of financial trouble, religion does not help you
- After all, money is and should be our first concern
- You need to have a "healthy" separation between religion and reality

C. But according to **Jesus**, reality is... still "Seek **God** first!"

- The teaching of the world around us is **nothing** new (Matt 6:32a)
- God **knows** our financial and physical (and not just spiritual) needs (Matt 6:32b)
- When we seek God, what we need **will** be provided (Matt 6:33)
(Not may be provided or should be provided etc.)
- It is the all-powerful **God** who will provide for us
- Those who seek God's righteousness will be **satisfied** (Matt 5:6)