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# THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

**Matthew 6:19-25**  
**Lesson #2**  
**Misplaced Faith**  
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*We know that we are not living  
within God's plan for us when -*

## we don't have peace



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### Some signs of NO SHALOM



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# Anxiety



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**Change requires risk, which invites anxiety and fear.**  
**Managing fear demands faith.**  
**People who do not manage their anxieties and fears will resist the risks of faith in following man or God.**



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**Leaders who do not respect people's fears and help them manage them will have a hard time leading.**



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- ✓ The disciples were about to have their **expectations** crushed by the Roman gov.
- ✓ All but one of the disciples would die as **martyrs** in the hands of that government.
- ✓ After Pentecost, the Apostles would **remind** the church of the words of Jesus.

30 AD



*John 14:27*

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. **Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.**”

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## Biblical “peace”

### Social peace

What Christ does THROUGH us as his church.

### Inner peace

What Christ does IN us through his Spirit.

### Legal peace

What Christ has done FOR us at the Cross.

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## Strategies for managing fear

### Manage the fear from the outside

Desensitizing a person to the triggers.

(controlled exposer)

### Manage the fear from the inside

Rehabilitating a person's hopes and faith.

(spiritual mind renewal)

### Exorcise the spirit of fear

Dramatic intervention through prayer.

(deliverance ministry)

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## Anxiety

*Ps.94:19*  
*The causes*

- False Expectations
- Narrow Perspectives
- Feeling Isolated



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*Psalm 94:19*

“When my anxious thoughts multiply within me,

**your consolations delight my soul.”**

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## Consolations that delight my soul

- **Expectations** - It's about God's image not mine.
- **Perspective** - It's about the breadth of my vision.
- **Isolation** - It's about knowing that I am not alone.



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*Matt.6:19-25*  
*What not to do*

- Lead with the heart
- Trust God for the wrong things
- Try to have it both ways

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**Remember the Spiritual issue is:**

✓ **Fear is about expectation -**

**Hope**

✓ **Fear is about isolation -**

**Love**

✓ **Fear is about courage -**

**Faith**

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**Building a fear killing faith.**

# WHAT NOT TO DO.



*Matt.6*

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*Mistake #1*

Leading with our heart  
**rather than**  
**our choices.**



*Matthew 6*

“<sup>19</sup> Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; <sup>21</sup> for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

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If it can decay  
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it is a false treasure  
that inevitably  
invites

**FEAR**

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A heart full of fear will lead  
us to make defensive  
decisions.

If we are led  
by Godly hope & faith  
our hearts will follow.

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**Vision** - seeing the big picture.

**Commitment** - making  
a choice.

**Investment** - getting  
skin in the game.

**Passion** - watch  
your heart follow your  
treasure.

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**Mistake #2**  
Working hard and / or  
trusting God

**but for the  
wrong thing.**

*Matthew 6*

“<sup>22</sup> The lamp of the body is the eye; if  
therefore your eye is clear, your whole body  
will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eye is bad,  
your whole body will be full of darkness. If  
therefore the light that is in you is darkness,  
how great is the darkness!”

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*James 4:3-4*

“<sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because  
you ask with wrong motives, so that you  
may spend it on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup> You  
adulteresses, do you not know that  
friendship with the world is hostility  
toward God?”

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The problem is not  
our lack of faith.

It is that our faith is  
**IN something other than God**  
and / or  
**FOR something other than  
His kingdom.**

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**Mistake #3**  
Believing that we  
can have it  
**both ways.**



*Matthew 6*

“<sup>24</sup> No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. <sup>25</sup> For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing?” <sup>24</sup>

**Serving two masters  
will double your anxiety  
not your security.**

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**Fear grows with false  
expectations  
therefore clear vision and  
hope are vital.**

**“the lamp of the body  
is the eye”**

*Matthew 6:22*

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**Godly character responds  
to anxiety with:**



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# Worrying

**does not take away  
tomorrow's troubles;  
it just takes away  
today's peace.**

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## Take home

- ✓ Take your baptism seriously and invest your life in things that can't be taken away.
- ✓ When anxious, ask if you are trying to have it both ways.
- ✓ Work hard, trust God and fear not.

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