## "Take no Thought...' Outline – Mike Baird

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• Matt 6:25-32

"Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?..."

- So how does this apply to us?
- Seems like we'd be out of work and starve
- Bruce R McConkie

" This portion of the Sermon on the Mount was delivered to the apostles and such of the disciples as were called to forsake their temporal pursuits and carry the message of salvation to the world. There is not now and never has been a call to the saints generally to "sell that ye have" (Luke 12:33), give alms to the poor, and then to take no thought for the temporal needs of the present or future. Rather, as part of their mortal probation, the true followers of the Master are expected by him to provide for themselves and their families. (D. & C. 75.)" (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 1: 243)

<u>Mike Baird</u>

"As I was out for a walk, as I am prone to do, I was thinking about various members of the ward, about callings, things I should do for certain members, upcoming events in the ward etc.

It struck me that prior to being called as bishop when on walks I spent quite a bit of my time thinking about my business. What I should do, upcoming projects or business trips etc.

Into my mind came a flash of realization and confirmation from the Spirit, that what I was doing was an example of likening the Saviors guidance in Matt 6:25-27 to his disciples to ourselves" (Personal experience, May, 2005)

## Seek ye first the kingdom of God

• Matt 6:33

" But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you"

- We need to spend the time we should on our employment to be a good employee etc.
- However that should not be our focus in life, our primary motivation