Radical Simplicity? Why Simplicity? Matt. 6:24,33

I. Competing Masters (Matt. 6:24)

- A. "<u>Serve</u>" = douleuo = slave—<u>ownership</u> rights
- B. <u>Divided</u> heart/loyalty/<u>favoritism</u>(Idolatry)
- C. The <u>spirit</u> of "mammon" = mamonas = the trusting of <u>wealth</u>

II. Crushing Anxieties (Matt. 6:25–31)

- A. Complexity leads to bondage (James 1:8)
- B. Simple examples—birds, flowers and children (Matt. 18:2-4)
- C. "The Father" takes <u>care</u> of these.

III.Confident Contentment (Matt. 6:32)

- A. The <u>heart</u> of simplicity—<u>Trust</u>
- B. "The Father" knows what your needs are.

IV. Clear Command (Matt. 6:33)

- A. Finding your <u>"first"</u> <u>Simplifies</u> life. (I Kings 18:21)
- B. Christ points to the <u>highest</u> priorities:
 - 1. His <u>righteousness</u> (Inward perception)
 - 2. His <u>Kingdom</u> (Outward practice)
- C. There are other <u>"things"</u> they will fall in <u>alignment</u> after the first!
- D. The <u>discipline</u> of simplicity is radical—<u>seeking</u> your first
- E. Making a <u>plan</u> to keep <u>the good</u> out of the way of the <u>great</u>. (Heb. 12:1,2)