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**Transforming Daily**  
***“...birds of the air...”***  
*Matthew 6:26*

Every time I get on the lawn mower or tractor to mow the field, they come. There nowhere in sight, and then all of a sudden, here they come. We call them “cow birds.” They come for what God has provided for them. From our perspective, we would be grossed out, but for them, “bon apatite!”

What is God’s provision for them? Grub worms, grasshoppers, moths, crickets, and a host of many other critters, supplied by God. The birds don’t do anything but show up and feast. God initiates, sustains, and completes. Just as soon as they come, the birds leave and say nothing in the way of thanks.

If God provides for birds, which are less in value to God than man, what about his provision for man? Matthew chapter six talks about God’s provision for man for every area of his life, food, clothing, housing, etc., yet man still frets and worries, and chases around amassing tangible holdings or doing everything he can to keep from losing them. What’s the difference? Man has an intellect, and therefore, more often than not, moves to reason before exercising faith.

If man is going to work, his motive should be sourced in Kingdom interests and with spiritual concerns. That is not to say that man should not have a solid, honorable work ethic, but that tangible gains should not be the end that justifies the means. Otherwise, it reveals that man’s trust is in himself or in that of someone else other than God. Once again, as it is with much of biblical wisdom, it’s easier said than done.

Have you done any personal introspection lately? What about spiritual inventory, have you evaluated your tangible holdings in light of biblical principles? Does Kingdom thinking permeate your motivation for ministry and service? If not, God has given us a beautiful reminder every time we see the birds of the air.