

GRADUATE STUDIES IN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

COURSE 11: PASTORING THE CONFLICTED (Matthew 19:16-22)

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THE SITUATION:

¹⁶ "Just then a man came up to Jesus and inquired, 'Teacher, what good thing must I do to obtain eternal life?'" Matthew 19:16 (BSB)

- A _____, _____, _____, AND
SEEMINGLY _____ MAN COMES TO JESUS THE RIGHT _____,
WITH THE RIGHT _____.

HOW DOES JESUS "PASTOR" THE CONFLICTED?

- JESUS DOES NOT _____ THE MAN'S APPARENT SINCERITY AND
MOTIVATION. INSTEAD HE OFFERS _____:

1. THE _____ TEST

¹⁷ "Why do you ask Me about what is good?' Jesus replied. 'There is only One who is good.'" Matthew 19:17a (BSB)

- "THE CONFLICTED" OFTEN _____ A LOT ABOUT JESUS
WITHOUT _____ HIM AS _____.

2. THE _____ TEST

¹⁷ "...If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.'" Matthew 19:17b (BSB)

- BECAUSE _____ GOD IS AN ASPECT OF
_____ GOD.

¹⁴ "What good is it, my brothers, if someone claims to have faith, but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?" James 2:14 (BSB)

¹⁸ "Which ones?' the man asked." Matthew 19:18 (BSB)

- "THE CONFLICTED" OFTEN _____ THE
_____ OF KEEPING GOD'S _____.

¹⁸ "Jesus answered, 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness, ¹⁹honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 19:18-19 (BSB)

²⁰ "All these I have kept,' said the young man." Matthew 19:20a (BSB)

- “THE CONFLICTED” OFTEN DISPLAY _____ -
_____/_____.

²⁰ “...What do I still lack?”

Matthew 19:20b (BSB)

- “THE CONFLICTED” ARE NOT _____.

²¹ “Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to him...”

Mark 10:21 (BSB)

²¹ “Jesus told him, ‘If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven.’”

Matthew 19:21 (BSB)

3. THE _____ TEST

²¹ “Jesus told him, ‘...Then come, follow Me.’”

Matthew 19:21 (BSB)

²² “When the young man heard this, he went away in sorrow, because he had great wealth.”

Matthew 19:22 (BSB)

- JESUS _____ HIM _____.

BOTTOM LINE:

JESUS WILL HAVE “_____” FOLLOWERS,

OR _____ FOLLOWERS _____.

NEXT STEPS

- ASK YOURSELF
 - Am I that “all-in follower?”
 - If not, what’s holding me back?