

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-31

Sermon Title: This One Thing

Allow God to have **more of you so you can experience **more of Him**.**

Some common **misconceptions**:

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”¹⁸ “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone.

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“Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, **“before Abraham was born, I am!”**⁵⁹ At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds. John 5:58-59

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to **be used to his own advantage**; ⁷ rather, **he made himself** nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, **he humbled himself** by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:6-8

Jesus isn’t denying His deity, He’s expressing **His humility.**

...he had **great wealth**.

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Jesus is primarily challenging **the way we relate to our wealth not **the amount** of it.**

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“Teacher,” he declared, **“all these I have kept since I was a boy.”**

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Misconception: The more money you have **the more selfish or **arrogant** you must be.**

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Misconception: The more money you have **the more satisfied in life you will be.**

Rich and poor have this in common: The Lord is the Maker of them all.

Proverbs 22:2

Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.

Ecclesiastes 5:10

The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep.

Ecclesiastes 5:12

Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb, and as everyone comes, so they depart.

Ecclesiastes 5:15

This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot.¹⁹ **Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God.**²⁰ They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

Money is a powerful tool & terrible goD.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "**Who then can be saved?**"

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Misconception: Earthly riches are a definitive sign of heavenly blessing or relationship with God.

Stop gaslighting God.

"Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much **in this present age**: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and **in the age to come eternal life**."³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

v29-31

Misconception: God is anti-wealth.

Jesus is promising if we sacrifice for Him, He we satisfy us & multiply good in our lives.

Jesus' comments, challenges, & implications:

Jesus looked at him and loved him. **“One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”**²² **At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.**²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”
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Money idolatry is *insidious* & *easy*.

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Freedom from idolatry is *difficult* but *doable*.

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Jesus calls everyone to *radical generosity* because He wants something for us more than from us.

Closing considerations:

Examine **your heart**.

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*What would be the “**one thing you lack?**”*

Do **better math**.

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*Is **He** or it worth it?*

Make **kingdom investments**.

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For you know **the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ**, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.
2 Corinthians 8:9

*How am I **fueling growth** in my life & the world?*