

The Perils Of Possessions & The Not So Rich Young Man

Mark 10:17-31

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- Last Week: Jesus Loves The Little Children **Mark 10:13-16**
- Jesus Teaching On: Marriage, Children, Money, & Position/Power (**Mark 10**)
- This Rich Young Ruler Becomes A _____ For Our Own Souls (**Matt 19:22, Lk 18:18**)
- Could It Be Said Of Us: "Apart from faith in Christ, there is no explanation for such a life."

How We Can Be So Right & Yet Get It Wrong

1. You Can Seek For Answers, & Yet, Not Want The _____ (**Mark 10:17, 21-22**)
2. You Can Talk To Jesus, & Yet, Turn Away From What He Has _____ You (**Mark 10:17-22**)
3. You Can Be Entirely Sincere, & Yet, Not _____ Christ (**Mark 10:17, 20**)
4. You Can Show Reverence and Zeal, & Yet, Be _____ Wrongly (**Mark 10:17, 20-22, Romans 10:1-3**)

What Moves & Motivates Us

1. Motives _____, This Is Why Jesus Asked, "Why do you call me good?" (**Mark 10:18**)
- Consider Your Definition Of Good, What _____ You To Call Something Good?—
 - _____ Is Good - Throughout The Bible (**Psalm 25:8, 100:5, 135:3, 145:9, John 10:11**)
 - _____ Is Good - Throughout The Bible (**Psalm 14:3, Psalm 53:3, Romans 3**)
 - _____ Is Good - Nowhere In The Bible Except Possibly **Genesis 1:31**

The Commands In **Mark 10:19-20**: The _____ Of The 10 Commandments Is Good For Business; The _____ Does Not Allow Any Other God Including Your Business & Other Good Things To Take God's Place

2. In Each Of Us, There Is Always A _____ Motivation— One Motive To Rule Them All
 - **κτῆμα** (ktema) - possessions & property (**Mark 10:22, 23**)
3. Motives Matter Because They Reveal What We Want _____ (**Mark 10:21-22**)

- We Do Not Know What Became Of This Rich Young Ruler But We Must Ask 'What Will Become Of Us?' & Better, 'How Did God Make It Possible For Us To Inherit Eternal Life?'

How Difficult & Possible It Is To Enter God's Kingdom

1. With _____, Especially The Wealthy, It Is Difficult & Impossible To Enter God's Kingdom
(**Mark 10:23-27a**)

2. With God, It Is _____ To Enter God's Kingdom (**Mark 10:27**) Because ...

- There Was Another _____ Who Did Leave It All (**2 Cor. 8:9, Mark 10:45**)

- _____ Is The Real Rich Young Ruler Who Sold Everything

3. Because Of _____, We Can Now Enter God's Kingdom ... And:

- Lose Everything & Gain More In This Life (_____) & In The Life To Come (**Mark 10:29-30**)

- Have More Loving _____ Than We Could Ever Dream (**Mark 10:29-30**)

- Willingly Be _____ for Christ & The Gospel (**Mark 10:29-30**)

- Jesus Ends By Saying Expect Some _____ Plot Twists (**Mark 10:31**)

Give Me Neither Poverty Nor Riches But Give Me Jesus! (**Proverbs 30:7-9, 1 Cor. 9:15**)

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. What are some reasons that Jesus talks about money so often?
2. How does the context of Jesus welcoming the little children set the stage for this instruction?
3. Why did Jesus make this particular demand of the rich young ruler? What demand might He make of you? (What is your identity? What is your savior?)
4. Is it wrong to seek a reward? How is the reward of discipleship better than anything the world has to offer?

Suggested Reading: *The Treasure Principle: Unlocking The Secret Of Joyful Giving*, by Randy Alcorn

Key Words For Kids To Count: Money