

The Blessing of God Matthew 19:13-30

What characterizes the blessing of God?

- I. Relationship
 - A. The blessing of God (v. 15-16; John 17:3)
 - B. Misunderstanding and discontentment (v. 16-22)
 - C. Rightly ordered relationships
- II. Grace
 - A. Behavior vs. affections (v. 23-26)
 - B. Transformation by grace, not achievement (v. 21b)
- III. Reward
 - A. The cost of sacrifice (v. 27, 29a)
 - B. The blessing of reward (v. 28-30; 1 Pet. 1:8)

Application Guide:

1. Consider the various people or things in your life with which you have relationship (people, money, job, success, pleasure, etc.). Which of these do you functionally love more than God? How has this led to sorrow and discontentment?
2. Are you immersing yourself in places and practices where Jesus is growing your affection for him?
3. What have you left or what are you giving up for the sake of Jesus? Do you ever question whether it is worth it? How does the abundant blessing of God, now and in the future, give you strength to carry on?