

Internal Affairs

Mark 10:23-45: Terry Townsend, May 29, 2019

Read Mark 10:23-31

The first 4 commandments are relating to (God), the last 6, to (man)

Matthew 13:44

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

No price tag can be put upon eternal life, but it does have what economists call an ("opportunity cost")

Eternal life is a value that cannot be (bought), but costs us (everything)

Mark 10:32-34

- 32 They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him.
- 33 "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles,
- 34 who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."

Leadership is being (alone) and (ahead) of the crowd

A (transformational) leader has an all-consuming vision to which he calls his followers and a charismatic personality by which he leads them.

A (transactional) leader, on the other hand, searches for the goals of the group and negotiates a program to achieve them.

(Winston Churchill) was a transformational leader. (Anthony Eden) was a transactional leader

(Steve Jobs) was a transformational leader. (Tim Cook) is a transactional leader

Isaiah 50:5-7

- 5 The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.
- 6 I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.
- 7 Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

Leadership is (courage) in the middle of (fear)

The disciples must have seen (dread) mingled with (joy) in the face of Jesus

Read Mark 10:35-45

They had not yet learned that the (cross) must come before the (crown), that (suffering) comes before (glory).

Like a child coming to a parent with an (unlimited) request

Mark 10:31

31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

The "cup" refers to His (submission) to the Father's will in becoming (sin) for us and the "baptism" refers to His (suffering) on the cross for the sins of the (world)

Acts 12:1-2

- 1 It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them.
- 2 He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword.

A (lust for greatness) lurks behind the request of James and John and in the other disciples

In God's kingdom the standard is not (greatness) but (servanthood)

"If you want to know if you have a servant's heart, watch how you react when people treat you like a servant." – Nancy Leigh DeMoss

Christ (came) Chapter (1), (ministered) Chapters (2-13), and gave His life as a (ransom) Chapters (14-16)