

MORE THAN

Enough

WE ARE GENEROUS
BECAUSE GOD IS GENEROUS

Partnering With God | More Than Enough

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Mark 10:17-31

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17 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. 19 You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

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

21 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.**”

28 Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

29 “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 gospel 30 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.”

TALK ABOUT IT - Questions to GROW through with family, friends, & myself.

1. What does wealth represent to me? How would I describe my relationship to material possessions and/or money?
2. What does God want FOR me in my willingness to let go of things in order to gain something better? What is better?
3. Do I consider myself a partner to God? What proof indicates this to be true to an outsider perspective?
4. How does wealth impact spirituality considering Jesus’ warning of the difficulty for the rich to enter into the Kingdom?
5. **PRAYER:** “Father, put a deep desire in my heart to partner with You in all things. Help me to see material possession and wealth through the eyes of STEWARDSHIP of your resources.”

TEACHING NUGGETS:

Malachi's prophecy to Israel encourages them that God sees them, so:

- do right
- be faithful
- be just
- tithe
- be humble
- remember God
- **The passage on tithing (or not tithing, aka robbing God) specifically is Malachi 3:6-12.**

QUOTES:

"Towards the end of Leviticus, the book of the law for God's people, God describes the reward for obedience and the punishment for disobedience in Chapter 26. Why could they not choose to live in the reward?! How very much disobedience cost them! Hopefully, though we do not live under the law, we will learn to choose better, more wisely, because God still does require stewardship of us." - Lettie Boggs

"The first fruit, the tithe, already belongs to God. Even if you do not bring it – you will not benefit from keeping it. It is "devoted to God!" Literally the phrase in Hebrew is "devoted to destruction." It is God's alone. You don't get to use it. But if you acknowledge God and exercise faith in His care for you by tithing, He will shower you with blessings!" - Lettie Boggs

"It is the most tangible way to express your faith in Him. Do you want the Lev 26:3-13 life so that you may be effective in all you do for Him and to live a blessed life! It begins with the faith to tithe. Gifts are what we give to God above the 10% level, above that which we are to acknowledge is already His." - Lettie Boggs

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