



The Gospel of Mark Following Jesus

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Blessing the Children & Riches and the Kingdom of God

Mark 10:13-31

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Theme: When the disciples rebuke people for bringing their children to be blessed by Jesus, Jesus responds that the kingdom of God is made up of people like this—meaning those who are lowly and dependent on God. The same theme appears in the next episode, as Jesus tells a rich man that he must sell all he has and follow Jesus if he wishes to inherit eternal life. The point is that no one can enter the kingdom on their own merit; all must enter with childlike faith and in complete dependence on God.

Outline

1. Jesus and the Children (10:13–16)
 - a. Setting: Bringing children to Jesus (v. 13a)

 - b. The disciples’ rebuke (v. 13b)

 - c. Jesus’ indignation and response (vv. 14–15)

2. The Rich and the Kingdom of God (10:17–32)

a. Dialogue with the Rich Man (vv. 17–22)

b. Jesus' Teaching on Riches and the Kingdom of God (vv. 23–27)

c. Peter's Response and Jesus' Promise of Reward (vv. 28–32)

Takeaway:

(1) We are saved not by merit or human effort, but by childlike faith in God.

(2) In the same way, our daily strength comes not from ourselves, but from our dependence on the Spirit of God who lives in us.

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