

“Guardians of God’s Treasure, Part 1”

Sunday, October 23, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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Mark 10:17-31

BIG IDEA: Christ-followers are Guardians of Material Resources.

“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”

Mark 10:25 (CSB)



Jesus Christ’s Disciples recognize the signs of a bad economy. (v17-22)

- A Kingdom Economy moves me from self-reliance to God-dependence.
- Values reverse in the Kingdom of God!



Jesus Christ’s Disciples recognize a poor rate of return. (v23-27)

- A Kingdom Financial Plan shifts my focus from the material to the spiritual.
- Values reverse in the Kingdom of God!



Jesus Christ’s Disciples recognize a good return on investment. (v28-31)

- A Kingdom Investment yields returns that transfer from the temporal to the eternal.

- Values reverse in the Kingdom of God!

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Read: Mark 10:17-31 (See also Matthew 19:16-30; Luke 18:18-30)

Think: Check your balance sheet of GOD’S TREASURE, then ask these questions: *Did you choose the job you are in for money, fulfillment, or the chance to make a contribution and difference? How does the rich young ruler’s question compare to what Jesus just taught about the Kingdom (v131-16)? What was his assumption about how one gains the Kingdom of God? Jesus quizzes the man on only a partial list of the 10 Commandments (see Exodus 20). How well might the man have obeyed the ones related directly to God? Why does Jesus command the man the way He does (v21; see also 8:34)? What does his response reveal which had been hidden by his “good works”? What does the disciples’ shock reveal about them? On what basis is it possible for anyone to receive the Kingdom of God? How is the promise (v29-30) to come true for Christ-followers?*

DO: Are you more like the man or the children (v13-16) in terms of the way you approach God? Why? Make a list of truths and expressions in your life that have helped you to see the impossibility of “earning” the Kingdom. How have you experienced the gift of the Kingdom as described in v29-30? What in your life could Jesus point to as something that is preventing you from receiving the Kingdom?