

GIVING MONEY ITS PROPER PLACE

Relinquishing Your Love and Trust

I. Mark 10:23-24-This guy won't let go of his stuff because he loves it and trusts it

- A. The 1 he lacked was this commandment of love; He loved his money & possessions
 - 1. Through his love for money he put a law into motion that's working to keep him from being rich
- B. It's hard to enter into God's way of doing things when your trust is in your riches and not in Him
 - 1. 23-It's hard for those who **hold** and **cling** to riches to enter the KOG
 - 2. 24-It's hard for those who have confidence in riches to enter the KOG
- C. Money wasn't his problem, it was the wrong relationship with money that was his problem
 - 1. A major part of not loving and trusting in your stuff is being willing to **let go** of it
 - 2. 28-We have **left all**-we let go of it no longer looking to it to do for us what only you can do
- D. I can let you go because:
 - 1. I love God and not you
 - 2. I don't trust in you or rely on you
 - 3. I don't get my security from you
 - 4. I don't get my fulfillment from you
 - 5. I know I'll see you again, but you'll be a 100x greater
- E. The eye of a needle
 - 1. You had to unload your camel that was packed with all your stuff and **let go** of it and put it in someone else's hands and then take the camel through and **trust** that they'd give you your stuff back
 - 2. When you come into God's way of doing things you got to put all that you have in the hands of God (that doesn't mean that you have to get rid of it, it just means you have to make it available to him by offering it to him) and trust that when you enter into His way of doing things whatever He requires of you He'll load you back up again hundredfold
- F. There's a principle here: People who love and trust in money are not qualified for more of it because of their unwillingness to let go
 - 1. This rich young ruler was on the verge of being richer than he ever had before and if he would have just relinquished his love and trust in money and put it in Jesus he would have saw much more of it
 - 2. The hundredfold is only for those who God has 100% of
- G. To prosper at the level God has for you, you got to be willing to let go & sow
 - 1. There's only two reasons you can't let go: (1) You love it (2) You trust it

II. Luke 12:15-Beware of covetousness

- A. If Jesus is saying "pay attention" and "beware" and we're not doing that with covetousness and we think we're clean from it we're not
 - 1. Everything Jesus ever said was for your good and prosperity
 - 2. He's telling you to be ware of covetousness because he knows it will keep you from the level of prosperity that God wants for you
- B. Covetousness-It's the I have to have it mentality or a can't be fulfilled because my life consist of having it
 - 1. Covetousness is not just wanting something you don't have, but it's also and unwillingness to let go of what you do have
- C. 17-What shall I do?-Wrong question-God want do you want me to do?
- D. 18-This WILL I do-I'll do what I want
- E. 19-Selfishness-He only had himself on his mind
- F. 20-He wasn't rich towards God
- G. 21-34-This is what he should have done
- H. Everything that that you let go of was just deposited in Heaven
 - 1. 33-A treasure in the Heaven that fails not
 - 2. Matthew 6:19-20-Treasures in heaven, not treasures when you get to Heaven
 - a. Nothing wrong with a savings account, but don't trust it
 - b. Don't save for a rainy day; #1 Don't expect a rainy day #2 God will be your umbrella when it rains
 - 1) 1 Chronicles 29:3-He set his affection on God's house and saved to sow
 - 3. 1 Timothy 6:19-Laying up in store for themselves that the might lay hold unto the fullness of life the way God has it
 - 4. Mark 10:21-Jesus is trying to get this guy to get involved in God's system of finance so he can walk in this zoe life that he's wanting so bad, but he want do it