



This week's sermon  
**With Man it is Impossible, But Not With God**  
***Mark 10:17-31***

1. The ownership of everything we have, even our own lives, must be relinquished at the moment we follow Jesus. It's all one move.
2. With man salvation is "impossible." But not with God.
3. You get family and homes but you also get persecutions in this life. We do not have a perfect world yet. This whole beautiful earth is scarred with pain, and this good life is marred by death. People of earth will at times hate you for following Jesus. But that's okay, because when this good life ends, a better one starts.

**How then should we live?**

1. Give up all we own to God, because it belongs to Him.
2. Actively live as members of God's family, meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters, and being vulnerable about our own needs.
3. Enjoy this good life, enduring persecution patiently.
4. Follow Jesus every day.

## Digging Deeper Into the Message

What warnings about wealth do you see in Matthew 6:19-24, James 4:13-16 and James 5:1-6?

Read 1 Timothy 6:11-19. Contrast the glorious description of Jesus with what we just read about earthly treasure. What instruction does Paul give us here for managing our wealth?

Read the following passages and list the riches that are described:

Ephesians 1

Ephesians 2:4-10

Ephesians 3:16-21

1 Peter 1:3-9

Read Matthew 13:44-45 and reflect on what it costs to gain true treasure. How have you grown in your appreciation of the value of this true treasure?

Meditate on Romans 11:33-36 and Philippians 4:19-20.

## Community Group

**Icebreaker:** What did you like to collect as a child? What do you collect now?

### **Discussion Questions:**

Tell about a time you made a great trade.

Read Mark 10: 17- 21 and the first MAP point. Pastor Mike used the example of a golf swing to illustrate how we surrender everything to follow Jesus. Share your thoughts on this analogy.

Read Mark 10: 22-27 and the next MAP point. How would explain verse 27 to a person not familiar with Christianity?

Read Mark 10: 28-31 and MAP point #3. What is the first thing you think about when you hear “a perfect world?”

From the **How then should we live?** section:

Read the first point. Share your thoughts on what it means to do this in practical terms.

Read the second point. Which part of this directive do you find the most challenging?

Read the last two points. Name some good things you enjoy in this life. Pastor Mike describes Jesus as the treasure, life and prize. Share some ideas on what following Jesus looks like.

If you decided to mediate on/memorize part of the passage in last week’s Digging Deeper (Psalm 73:21-26), share which verses impacted you.

**Application:** One of the Hebrew words used for prayer is *hitpallel* and it has to do with examining ourselves before God and submitting to His assessment. Take time this week to *hitpallel* about where your treasure is. Ask God to reveal to you how best to treasure Him.

