

v. 23–27: IT’S _____ THAN YOU THINK

²³ And Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult 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 a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to Him, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

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2 Corinthians 4:17, “For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.”

¹ John Piper quote comes from his book Let the Nations Be Glad! The Supremacy of God in Missions.



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Mark 10:17-31

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INTRODUCTION: “He Lives in Loudoun County” ²

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2 The Introduction is adapted from the articles, “Losing Faith: 21 Percent Say Religion ‘Not That Important’ by Carrie Dann, 3/13/14, www.NBCNews.com and “America’s Richest Counties” by Tom Van Riper, 4/25/13, www.forbes.com; and the book The Applause of Heaven by Max Lucado, pages 26–27.

3 The Exposition of the text is adapted from my sermons, “Is it Worth it?” 11/15/98, “What Jesus said to a Rich Man” 9/22/02, and “Difficulty in the Kingdom” 3/16/14, all preached here at Potomac Hills. **And the books, especially Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary – Exalting Jesus in Mark** by Dr. Daniel Akin, pages 217-225. **And also Jesus the King: Understanding the Life and Death of the Son of God** (previously published as The King’s Cross: The Story of the World in the Life of Jesus), by Dr. Tim Keller, pages 134–140; The Pillar New Testament Commentary: The Gospel according to Mark by Dr. James Edwards, pages 309-317. **And the sermons, “Greed: The Case of the Rich Young Ruler”** 3/19/95, “Camels, Needles, and Riches” 6/3/92, “Camels and Money” 8/27/00, “Generosity and Wealth” 10/28/12, and “The Grace of Generosity” 12/5/6/15, all by Dr. Tim Keller, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York, NY, The Timothy Keller Sermon Archive, Logos Bible Software 8.13; “The Impossibility of Salvation” 1/10/99 and “The Poor Man (Who Thought He Was Rich)” 4/10/11, both by Dr. J. Ligon Duncan, Chancellor, Reformed Theological Seminary, and “Jesus and the Materialist” by Dr. David Strain, Senior Minister, First Presbyterian Church (PCA), Jackson, MS, 10/5/14, www.fpcjackson.org.

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- **v. 17: Go to the Right Person**

2 Corinthians 8:9, “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.”

- **v. 17: Ask the Right Question**

- **v. 18-21: Gets the Right Answer**

Exodus 20:3, “You shall have no other gods before Me.”

Matthew 6:24, “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

- **v. 22: Give the Right Response**