

Difficulty in Following Jesus

Mark 10:17-31
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I. The potential follower seeks eternal life (10:17-18)

A. The identity of the seeker (10:22)

B. The purpose of seeking (10:17)

1. Addresses Jesus

2. Asks Jesus

C. Jesus' initial response – keep the commandments (10:18)

II. Jesus leads the potential follower to treasure in heaven (10:20-22)

A. Potential follower claims obedience (10:20)

B. Jesus clarifies the cost (10:21)

C. Potential follower perceives the cost is too great (10:22)

III. Receiving heavenly treasure comes only from the power of God (10:23)

A. Jesus conveys the human difficulty (10:23-25)

B. Jesus confirms the divine power (10:27)

C. Following Jesus blesses you – release brings rewards (10:28-31)

1. Release (10:29)

2. Reward

Discussion Questions

1. What is one earthly possession that you value the most? What is one spiritual possession that you value the most?

2. If you had one piece of advice to give the "rich young ruler" what would it be?

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