PUTTING GOD FIRST:

Lessons & Warnings from the Rich Young Man

**Mark 10:17-31 (NIV) 17  As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18  "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good--except God alone. 19  You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" 20  "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." 21  Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." 22  At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. 23  Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" 24  The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard 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 man to enter the kingdom of God." 26  The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" 27  Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." 28  Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!" 29  "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel 30  will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields--and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. 31  But many who are first will be last, and the last first."**

**Luke 8:3 (NIV) Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.**

**Matthew 27:57 (NIV) As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus.**

**Matthew 19:22 (NIV) When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.**

**Luke 18:18 (NIV) A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”**

**Mark 8:27-29 (NIV) 27  Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" 28  They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." 29  "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ."**

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**John 6:69 (NKJV)  Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."**

**Jeremiah 9:23-25 (NET1) 23 The LORD says, “Wise people should not boast that they are wise. Powerful people should not boast that they are powerful. Rich people should not boast that they are rich. 24  If people want to boast, they should boast about this: They should boast that they understand and know me. They should boast that they know and understand that I, the LORD, act out of faithfulness, fairness, and justice in the earth and that I desire people to do these things.”**

**Matthew 7:23 (NRSV) Then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.”**

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