

Introduction: Our story – “The Empty Bucket Syndrome”

Where is hope when success doesn't satisfy?

Jesus' Answer: Mark 10

The Context: Three Issues

1. The issue of _____ Mark 10:1-12
2. The issue of _____ Mark 10:13-16
3. The issue of _____ Mark 10:17-31

An Observation: This story is present in all three synoptic gospels. Success in the world's value system is the acquisition of _____, _____, and _____!

Jesus offers hope to a very...

Wealthy
Successful
Moral
Powerful
Sincere
Intelligent

...person who recognizes
his success has left him
_____!

- The successful man's **question reveals** his perceived need: Mark 10:17
"What must I _____ to inherit eternal life?"
- Jesus' **answer reveals** the rich man's _____ need. Mark 10:18-21
- The rich man's **response reveals** the condition of his Mark 10:22
_____ and the _____ that he served.

- Jesus **warns** of the dangers of _____. Mark 10:23-27
- Jesus **promises** great reward for those who _____ Mark 10:28-31
and _____ Him.

Jesus' offer of hope to YOU today...

_____ unto Me all of you who are exhausted with the
weight and burdens of life and I will give you rest. Take My _____ upon you
and learn to _____ Me; for I am gentle and want what is
_____ for every aspect of your life.

Jesus – Matthew 11:28-29

(Paraphrased)

Discussion Questions:

1. What aspect of today's passage/message was most meaningful to you? Why?
2. What motivated Jesus to command this rich man to give all his money to help the poor?
3. How does the young ruler's money expose the deeper issues (external behavior vs. internal purity and trust) in his life?
4. Discuss the concept, "Money is not evil, but dangerous," as it relates to our relationship with God. When and how does it become evil? What are our safeguards with regard to the "deceitful" impact of money/things in our life?
5. Discuss Peter's crude but honest question, "What is in it for us?" What are the present and future rewards of following Christ? Why is it worth it in your opinion? Share some of the most meaningful rewards (material and/or spiritual) you've experienced in your relationship with God.