

**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.