

# Do You Have Money Or Does It Have You?

Mark 10:13-31 | Mark Foreman | June 15, 2025

## ➤ Following Jesus as a Child (13-16)

- The first contrast is disciples rebuking the children while Jesus receives them.
- "The kingdom belongs to such as these." Jesus is not promoting childish characteristics, but emphasizing their lack of resources and status.
- What does it mean to be "poor in spirit"?

## ➤ The Danger of Growing Up (17-21)

- The second contrast is the child and the rich young man.
- Is this passage saying Jesus is not good? Or hinting that he, in fact, is God?
- *"and loved him"* – Jesus behaved as if he knew this man, really *knew* him!

## ➤ The Challenge & Blessing of Resources (21-23)

- Is Jesus piling on more command on top of the OT heap or is he helping the man to see how he is missing the application of even the first law?
- Is wealth the issue or does it point to a deeper issue that the non-wealthy also deal with? Resources lead to self-reliance and pride – a non-god posture
- Less often, it leads to thankfulness and greater responsibility.
- To enter another country (Christ's kingdom) one must leave the present country (Self-kingdom)
- The very thing that should make us resourceful, wise, and successful is actually too often that which is our hindrance, enslaving us.

## ➤ Threading the Needle (24-27)

- The third contrast is the largest middle east animal and a tiny needle hole.
- Wealthy people were viewed as those who were particularly blessed of God.
- It is not their resources that get them into the kingdom, but a miracle of God.

## ➤ A Generous But True Reward System (28-31)

- The fourth contrast is between the disciples and the rich young man.
- God genuinely and richly rewards those who sacrifice for His sake.
- But His rewards are based on truth, not appearance, often inverting our reality.

## ➤ A Word to the Wise Regarding Money (1 Timothy 6:9, 17-19)

- Wake up every day finding your true treasure and wealth in Christ.
- Let Christ be the desire of your heart, and allow him to provide.
- Enjoy what you have (contentment) and be thankful.
- Live a life of simplicity; don't let the need to own rule you or be your identity.
- Draw a circle around your needs (present & future), add a pinch of pleasure and "wants" with thanksgiving, and invest the rest in the Kingdom of God.
- Don't just put the brakes on (cautious about money), accelerate in planned and generous living and giving.