

TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE

Mark 10:17-31

Key Verse: 10:21b

* "GO, SELL EVERYTHING YOU HAVE" (17-23)

1. What was the serious problem of the young man who came and fell on his knees before Jesus? What kind of man was he? (17-20; Mt 19:20; Lk 18:18) Why wasn't he happy? What did Jesus teach him about God? (Ro 8:28) What did Jesus teach him about mankind, including himself?
2. Read verse 21. How did Jesus regard this young man? Why? What did the young man lack? What did Jesus tell him to do? What reward did Jesus promise him? What does this mean?
3. What did Jesus mean by "Then come, follow me"? How does this invitation offer meaning and life to this young man?
4. Read verse 22. How did the young man respond? How did Jesus' command touch his real problem? What does his refusal reveal about him? Why is it important to use money according to Jesus' principles? How can we control our selfishness? (Read verse 23; Pr 30:8b,9a; 1Ti 6:10; 2Co 8:9. What basic principles can you learn from these verses?)

* CHRISTIAN'S REWARD (24-31)

5. Read verses 23-24. Why were the disciples amazed? What does this show about them?
6. Read verses 25-27. How did Jesus respond to their amazement? What does verse 25 mean? Why is it so hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God?
7. Why were the disciples confused? What big question did these words raise in their hearts? What did Jesus teach them? (27) What does this teach us about the way of salvation?
8. Read verse 28. What was in Peter's mind? Read verses 29-31. What did Jesus promise Peter and all believers? How does his promise of suffering give us hope and courage? (See 1Pe 1:6,7; Ro 8:18.)
9. What is the great reward that God promises to give all his people? How does this take away our fear of death? (See also 2Ti 2:12a.)