

True Wealth **Mark 10:23-31**

The BIG Idea ... The cost of following Jesus is _____ it _____—in this life and the life to come. Matthew 6:21, “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Wealth Is Inherently Dangerous

- It can keep you from _____.
- Jesus: “It is easier for a _____ to go through the eye of a _____ than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”

Salvation Is Humanly Impossible

- Nobody can _____ their way or _____ their way into God’s good graces. 1 Chronicles 29:12, “Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.”
- The Disciples: “Then _____?”
- Jesus: “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

This is _____. Although wealth gives you a social and cultural advantage, it never gives you a _____ or _____ advantage, because ...

1. Wealth promotes _____ - _____.
2. Wealth can be _____.
3. Wealth can _____ you. Matthew 6:24, “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

Following Jesus Is Eternally Worthwhile

- Peter: “See, Jesus, we have left _____ and followed you.”
- Jesus: “There is no one who has left _____ behind for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, and in the age to come eternal life.”
- The _____ we make are worth it all. Matthew 6:19-20, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”
- You can’t take your money _____ you, but you can _____ it _____ of you—by investing in eternity.
- In giving an offering, you are sending your money ahead of you into God’s kingdom—where it makes an _____.

The BIG Takeaway ... The cost of following Jesus _____ is worth it _____—in this life and the life to come.