

## **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.