

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why did the rich young ruler run to Christ?
2. What was he really seeking?
3. Can a person obey the commandments and miss the will of God?
4. Why did Jesus only ask the young man about the last six commandments?

SUMMARY:

The rich young ruler of our lesson today chose not to accept Christ's terms for salvation. The terms are the same for everyone who desires to be in a right relationship with God. God in His wisdom is able to look within each of us and determine what we desire to withhold. It may be pride, honor, friends or as in the case of this young man, riches. Whatever it is, we must be able to place this in God's hands and trust Him to do with our treasure and us as He pleases. He may return it to us and make us stewards of the treasure, which is now His, or He may withhold it from us forever for our own good. This is faith, [\[SoF:7,8\]](#) the sort of faith that brings joy to the heart of God. To withhold anything is to endanger our right relationship with God. [\[SoF:9\]](#)

NOTES:

[\[SoF:7\]](#) We believe that sinners may have salvation by repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.

[\[SoF:8\]](#) We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation. [\[SoF:9\]](#) We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the believer is empowered to live a Godly life in spiritual unity with Christ.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #1

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Fourth Quarter

THE KING'S CHALLENGE TO DISCIPLESHIP

LESSON TEXT: *Mark 10:17-31*

LESSON SETTING: Near Jordan on the way to Jerusalem after Jesus blessed the little children.

TIME: About 32 A.D.

I. DISCIPLESHIP AND IT'S DEMANDS. Mark 10:17-22

- A. Disciple—a Follower of a Teacher or Doctrine
- B. Demands:
 1. Keep the commandments (vs. 17, 19) 1 John 5:3
Revelation 14:12
 2. Leave all (vs. 21, cf. vs. 28) Luke 14:33; Philippians 3:8
 3. Take up the cross (vs. 21) Matthew 10:38; 16:24
 4. "Follow me" (vs. 21) John 8:12, 31; 10:27; 1 Peter 2:21

II. DISCIPLESHIP AND EARTHLY RICHES. Mark 10:23-27

- A. A Hindrance (vs. 23) Matthew 19:23; Mark 4:19
- B. Perilous (vs. 23) Deuteronomy 8:13-14; 1 Timothy 6:9
- C. A False Trust (vs. 24) Ecclesiastes 2:18; Colossians. 3:2

III. DISCIPLESHIP AND IT'S REWARDS. Mark 10:28-31

- A. Spiritual Gain (vs. 29-30) Matthew 19:21; Philippians 3:8
- B. Spiritual Promises (vs. 30) Daniel 7:27; 1 Corinthians 6:2;
Revelation 11:18
- C. Spiritual Reward (vs. 30) Psalm 19:9, 11; Psalm 58:11;
Revelation 22:12

GOLDEN TEXT: . . .*COME, TAKE UP THE CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME.*
Mark 10:21

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Matthew 20:1-16
SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Isaiah 5:1-7

QUARTERLY THEME: CHRIST -- KING AND SAVIOR

TOPIC: THE KING'S CALL TO SERVICE

INTRODUCTION:

The kingdom of heaven is not just like anything here on earth. It is, however, similar to many things here. If we are to gain an understanding of what the kingdom of heaven is and what it is not, we must compare all of the applicable parables and thus obtain a word picture. Even with all this our picture will be as described in 1 Corinthians 13—"through a glass darkly".

Our scriptural picture today shows the similarities and differences between the kingdom and a vineyard. It is similar in that God expects His children to work in His vineyard and to contribute to the harvest. We are not told why all were not available for work in the early morning. We are told we are expected to go into the field immediately upon receiving the invitation.

From the manner in which the householder provided wages, we can see that they are not the hourly wage to which we are accustomed but rather related to the needs of the day. Elsewhere the blessings that God has for His children are described. These are not wages but rather blessings that He gives because He loves us. The first shall be last and the last first. The Word tells us that God truly knows how to give good gifts, but they are gifts—not wages.

CENTRAL TRUTH: God's grace calls men and women to salvation and service.

GOLDEN TEXT: *GO YE ALSO INTO THE VINEYARD, AND WHATSOEVER I WILL GIVE YOU.* Matthew 20:4

The blessings that are received from the hand of God are not to be construed as wages, for in reality what could the powerful, all knowing God owe creatures of His very own creation? Our motive for serving God ought to be a desire to please Him—to be what He wants us to be and to do what He wants us to do. When the blessings arrive, (and if we truly seek to serve Him they will arrive) we can know they come from the loving God who wants to bless those who are in a right relationship with Him. The blessings will not be in proportion to our work, but rather our love for God and desire to serve Him. Just as a parent who cannot in all wisdom give all he desires to a child, so must God withhold from His children for their own good. He pleads with us even as He pleaded with the Israelites in Malachi 3:10 "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF October 3 – 9

- M. *The King's Call. Matthew 20:1-16
- T. The Workers Labor with God. 1 Corinthians 3:9-21
- W. The Faithfulness of a Worker. 1 Corinthians 4:1-9
- T. The Diversity of Ministries. 1 Corinthians 12:1-14
- F. The Spiritual Duties of Workers. Ephesians 6:1-18
- S. The Basis of Toil and Labor. Genesis 3:15-24
- S. The Worker Given Rest. Hebrews 4:1-11

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