

WHEN GOOD ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH Filled Up and Poured Out – Part 17

Mark 10:17-31

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1. The key question of life...

“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” – Mark 10:17b HCSB

2. Why answer a question with (a question)?

Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.” – Mark 10:18 HCSB

3. A glimpse into the (heart of God)...

Jesus looked at him and loved him. – Mark 10:21a HCSB

The Lord isn't slow to do what he promised, as some people think. Rather, he is patient for your sake. He doesn't want to destroy anyone but wants all people to have an opportunity to turn to him and change the way they think and act. – 2 Peter 3:9 GWT

4. The obstacle: You can't value anything in life more than you value (obeying God).

Jesus...said to him, “You still lack one thing: Go, sell all you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me.” But he was stunned at this demand, and he went away grieving, because he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” – Mark 10:21b-23 HCSB

“Do not store up riches for yourselves here on earth.... Instead, store up riches for yourselves in heaven.... For your heart will always be where your riches are.” – Matthew 6:19-21 GNT

Loving God means obeying his commands. And God's commands are not too hard for us. – 1 John 5:3 NCV

5. God makes (the impossible) possible.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!” This amazed them. But Jesus said again, “Dear children, it is very hard to enter the kingdom of God. In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!” The disciples were astounded. “Then who in the world can be saved?” they

asked. Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God." – Mark 10:23-27 NLT

6. Turning losses into great (investments)...

"Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life." – Mark 10:29-30 NIV

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. One day a man found the treasure, and then he hid it in the field again. He was so happy that he went and sold everything that he owned to buy that field." – Matthew 13:44 NCV