

WCBC SERMON NOTES - JULY 16, 2017

TOPIC: HINDRANCES TO GOD'S BLESSINGS

Sermon 4: *The Hindrance of Riches!*

TEXT: Mark 10:17-27

INTRO: The tragic mistake of the rich, young ruler!

His Character: vv. 17, 20

- Eager and earnest (17) - for he came running to Jesus and knelt down before Him
- Respectful and reverent (17) - for he considers Jesus as a good teacher
- Religious (17) - for he believes in eternal life
- Moral (20) - for he claims he has observed the Ten Commandments from his boyhood

10 Commandments:

- Make one conscious of his/her sin - Romans 3:20
 - Point one to Christ - Galatians 3:24
 - Cannot save - Galatians 2:16
- His Serious Mistake: He traded God for riches! - v.21

I. RICHES CAN CAUSE GREAT SORROW: v.24b

Note: Oftentimes they bring about deep heartache and misery!

1. Riches do not satisfy - Ecclesiastes 5:10
2. Riches are deceitful - Matthew 4:19
3. Riches are fleeting - Prov. 23:5; Matthew 6:19
4. Riches will be left behind - Psalm 49:10

Note: A truly wise, godly person will invest in Heaven, and not here on earth!

II. RICHES CAN MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO GET SAVED: v.23

1. Riches tend to promote a sense of arrogance and pride - I Timothy 6:17
 - Deut. 8:11-18!

2. Because of arrogance and pride, one will not seek God - Psalm 10:4

III. TRUSTING IN RICHES WILL HINDER PEOPLE FROM GETTING SAVED: v.24b

1. Riches tend to promote false hope - I Tim. 6:17
 2. Riches CANNOT buy salvation! - Psalm 49:5-7
- Note: Only the precious blood of the Lord Jesus can! - I Peter 1:18-19

CONCLUSION: The Lord Jesus' Solution To The Rich, Young Ruler's Serious Mistake!

A Rich Fool!

George W. Truett, a well-known pastor, was invited to a dinner in the home of a very wealthy man in Texas. After the meal, the host led him to a place where they could get a good view of the surrounding area. Pointing to the oil wells punctuating the landscape, he boasted, "Twenty five years ago I had nothing. Now, as far as you see, it's all mine."

Looking in the opposite direction at his sprawling fields of grain, he said, "That's all mine." Turning east toward huge herds of cattle, he bragged, "They're all mine." Then pointing to the west, and a beautiful forest, he exclaimed, "That too, is all mine." He then paused, expecting Dr. Truett to compliment him on his "great success." Truett however, placing one hand on the man's shoulder, and pointing heavenward with the other, simply said, "How much do you have in that direction?"

The man hung his head, and confessed, "I never thought of that!" - *Our Daily Bread*, Oct. 24, 1992

Verse For Today

"Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless!" - Ecclesiastes 5:10

Food For Thought

"The poverty of riches and the riches of poverty! - Anon.

