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How to Get Eternal Life

Things That Stand in the Way

part 3



1. Count _____

2. Identify _____

3. Ask _____

Mt. 19:23-26

²³ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁶ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Luke 6:46**. What is your reaction to this verse?

How would you respond to someone who told you he wanted to be a Christian but he wasn't interested in letting Christ dictate what he does and does not do?

2. Read **1 Thessalonians 1:9** (keeping in mind the context of verse 5 – i.e., the reception of the gospel). Understanding that the Bible portrays “idolatry” as controlling priorities to which we give our allegiance, and things in which we put our ultimate trust (which helps us apply the concept of idolatry beyond the flannel graph images of bearded men bowing down to carved images), what were some of your “idols” before you became a genuine follower of Christ?

Read **2 Corinthians 5:15**. Consider and describe how “self” related to all idolatry.

3. Read **1 John 5:21**. What are some of the “idols” which still seek your allegiance and trust as a Christian?
4. Write out a prayer that expresses your desire to have the Holy Spirit empower you to let God be your God and Christ your Lord.

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this
week's schedule:

April 13th

Josh.21-22 & Jn.4

April 14th

Josh.23-24 & Jn.5

April 15th

Judg.1-2 & Jn.6

April 16th

Judg.3-4 & Jn.7

April 17th

Judg.5-6 & Jn.8

April 18th

Judg.7-8 & Jn.9

April 19th

Judg.9-11 & Jn.10

April 20th

Judg.12-14 & Jn.11

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0809 – **The Real Jesus**

CD # 0709 – **Living Life with a New Purpose**

CD # 0555 – **The Lordship of Christ: What to Do When God Says “Jesus is Lord”**

CD # 9710 – **Clash of the Kingdoms: Good Advice About When to Surrender**

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to **www.CompassBooks.org**.)

Blomberg, Craig, L. **Neither Poverty nor Riches: A Biblical Theology of Possessions**. InterVarsity Press, 1999.

Carson, Don A., ed. **Telling the Truth: Evangelizing Postmoderns**. Zondervan, 2000.

Chantry, Walter J. **Today's Gospel: Authentic or Synthetic?** Banner of Truth, 1970.

Frame, John M. **A Theology of Lordship: The Doctrine of God**. P & R Publishing, 2002.

Getz, Gene A. **A Biblical Theology of Material Possessions**. Moody Press, 1990.

Harris, Murray J. **Slave of Christ: A New Testament Metaphor for Total Devotion to Christ**. InterVarsity, 2001.

Horton, Michael, ed. **Christ the Lord: The Reformation and Lordship Salvation**. Baker Book House, 1992.

MacArthur, John. **The Gospel According to Jesus, revised edition**. Zondervan, 1994.

Metzger, Will. **Tell The Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. InterVarsity, 1984.

Peterson, David. **Possessed by God: A New Testament Theology of Sanctification and Holiness**. InterVarsity, 2001.

Piper, John. **A Godward Life: Savoring the Supremacy of God in All of Life**. Multnomah Press, 1999.