

# One Thing

## Study of Mark 10:17-31

17As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

18"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good-except God alone. 19You know the commandments: `Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother."

20"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." 21Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

22At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

23Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

24The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

26The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

27Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

28Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!"

29"I tell you the truth," 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 30will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields-and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. 31But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

*What do we know about the man who runs up to Jesus? What kind of man was he? (v 17, 20) What does he ask Jesus? (v 17)*

*How did Jesus feel about the man? (v 21) How many things did the man lack? What was it? (v 21)*

*What was the one thing the man loved more than Jesus? (v 22) Why was this a problem? (cr: Matthew 22:36-38) What position does Jesus demand in our lives? (cr: Matthew 10:37)*

*Why is it difficult for someone to enter the kingdom of God (to become a Christian)? (cr: Luke 9:23-24)*

*Why is it impossible for man to save himself? (cr: Romans 3:10-12) What does God require for salvation? (cr: John 6:28-29) What does this accomplish for us? (cr: Acts 10:43)*

*What had the disciples forsaken to follow Jesus? (v 28)*

*What does Jesus promise to those who have surrendered their lives to Him? (v 30) When do they receive this? (v 30)*

**Questions for Thought:**

1. *Is there anything in your life (even one thing) that you love more than Jesus? If so, what is it?*
2. *What would keep you from surrendering everything in your life to Jesus (by faith) to become a Christian?*

**Cross References:**

*Matthew 22:36-38*

*36"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38This is the first and greatest commandment.*

*Matthew 10:37*

*37"Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;*

*Luke 9:23-24*

*23Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.*

*Romans 3:10-12*

*10As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; 11there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. 12All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."*

*John 6:28-29*

*28Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" 29Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."*

*Acts 10:43*

*43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*