

The background features a collage of various international banknotes, including a 1000 Euro note, a 50 Hong Kong dollar note, a 20 Pula note, a 20 Guyanese dollar note, and a 1000 Australian dollar note. A globe is visible in the upper left corner, partially obscured by the text.

Finding True Riches in Following Jesus

Following Jesus (part 4)

Matthew 19:16-30

Review

- Following Jesus involves leaving behind that which is familiar and secure in order to pursue Him and the new life He has for us
- Following Jesus involves valuing Him and His Kingdom above any other allegiance
- Jesus calls us to trust Him to reach out and love others into the kingdom





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- Matthew 19:16-22



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18 “Which ones?” the man inquired.

Jesus replied, “Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, **19** honor your father and mother,’ and ‘love your neighbor as yourself.”



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20 “All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?”

21 Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

22 When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.



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We need to transfer ownership of all our possessions over to God

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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.”





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We cannot outgive God


- Matthew 19:27-30



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27 Peter answered him, “We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?”

28 Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.



Mark 10:19-31

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 ³⁰ will 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. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”





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Conclusion

Nothing is too great to sacrifice
in light of the privilege and
rewards of following Jesus

