

THE REWARDS FOR FOLLOWING THE SERVANT



TRI-CITY BAPTIST CHURCH
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I. THE DIFFICULTY ANNOUNCED



- Mark 10:23,
And Jesus looked round about,

and saith unto his disciples,
How hardly shall they that have riches
enter into the kingdom of God!

II. THE DISCIPLES ASTONISHED



- Mark 10:24,
And the disciples were astonished at his words.

But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them,
Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches
to enter into the kingdom of God!

III. THE DILEMMA ACCENTED



- Mark 10:25,
It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

IV. THE DISCERNMENT AWAKENED



- Mark 10:26,
And they were astonished out of measure, saying
among themselves,
Who then can be saved?

V. THE DESTINY QUESTION ANSWERED



- Mark 10:27,
And Jesus looking upon them saith,
With men it is impossible,
but not with God:
for with God all things are possible.

Nothing Is Impossible - #615



- Nothing is impossible when you put your trust in God;
- Nothing is impossible when you're trusting in His Word.
- Hearken to the voice of God to thee: "Is there anything too hard for me?"
- Then put your trust in God alone and rest upon His Word;
- For everything, O, everything, yes everything is possible with God.

VI. THE DECLARATION APPRISED



- Mark 10:28,
Then Peter began to say unto him,
Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.

VII. THE DEDICATION AWARDED



- Mark 10:29,
And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,
- Mark 10:30,
But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus - #635



- I have decided to follow Jesus; (3x)
NO turning back, NO turning back.
- The world behind me, the cross before me; (3x)
NO turning back, NO turning back.
- Tho' none go with me, still I will follow; (3x)
NO turning back, NO turning back.

Chart Comparing the Sacrifices with Rewards



Mark 10:29	Mark 10:30
“house”	“houses”
“brethren” “sisters”	“brethren” “sisters”
“father”	XXXXXXXXXX omission XXXXXXXXXXXXX
“mother” “wife”	“mothers” XXXXXXXXXX omission XXXXXXXXXXXXX
“children”	“children”
“lands”	“lands”
“for my sake” “the gospel’s”	“with persecutions” “in the world to come eternal life”

VIII. THE DOULOS (SERVANT) ASSESSED



- Mark 10:31,
But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

LESSONS ON DISCIPLESHIP



1. People you think might be a great asset to the team, could actually hinder trust in God.
2. God desires us to have child-like trust in Him.
3. God wants us to trust Him and not riches and not rich men.
4. We must seek the kingdom first.
5. We must value spiritual, eternal things more than physical and temporal things.
6. We must acknowledge God's supernatural work needed in the salvation of souls.
7. We must be motivated in life by our love for Christ and our love for the gospel.
8. We must find encouragement in the ways God compensates His children in this life and in the next.
9. We must expect resistance as we follow Jesus.
10. We must strive to be servants, to be "last" now.
11. We must anticipate unique reversals after the Judgment Seat of Christ.

PRAYER ASKING FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE



Dear God:

I realize from this passage that, humanly speaking, I cannot save myself. With child-like faith, I call on you to save me and to give to me the gift of eternal life. Help me Father to follow you as Your child.

I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.