

**MARK**  
CHAPTER 10:13-31  
*tape: SMX: 132*

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**THEME:**  
>>> *The Call to Discipleship* <<<

**TITLE:**  
Are You a True Believer

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**INTRODUCTION;**

*In His Parabolic & Paradoxical Teaching Style  
Jesus Presents His hears with Soul-Twisters*

In our last study we saw the Paradoxical

- I.) True Life comes from being dead to this world
- II.) Self-Satisfaction comes by Ministering to Others
- III.) That Two individuals shall become one by Marriage (*DIVORCE*)
- IV.) If you desire to be Great, be first, Become obscure and last

*The Paradox of Christianity...*

*Salvation in Christ Jesus is absolutely Free,  
But It will cost you everything you have*

*In The Archives of the Gallup Poll Organz.*  
19/20 Christians polled became a believer before the age of 20

*1/10,000 at 25    1/50,000 at 35    1/200,000 at 45  
1/300,000 at 55    1/700,000 at 75*

*If today is your Birthday, You might want to say yes to Jesus Christ before your time is up*

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## Are You a True Believer

A.) The People *of The Kingdom* Ver.13-16

Verse 13

*They* are those of the region Judea

*Let,...* depart, to send out or to give up, right of passage

The becoming "*as a Child*" does not mean as simple, innocent, naive or humble, as beautiful as these are...

*It means to become* **TOTALLY HELPLESS & DEPENDENT** *towards God.*

GROWN UP'S HAVE SELF-RESPECT & REPUTATIONS  
which is murderer to the salvation of many.

*"I will not become helplessly dependent, not even towards God"*

Dwight L. Moody, The Great American Evangelist of the Last Century, After holding a meeting, reported that he had seen 2 1/2 conversions. someone remarked " O' two adults and one child?" Moody said

***"No, Two children and half an adult"***

We need to unlearn so much;

### **Romans 8:15**

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

*Jesus Delights In Children;*

Last week we visited ZION with fantastic ROCK FORMATIONS  
Lisa & I were trying to teach them about the rocks

THEY WANTED TO CLIMB ON EM'  
Children are full of WONDER  
ZION STARS.....daddy can I hold the flashlight

*I am a lot like that (Train ride to 747 - Window seat)*

A Young man was going for voice lessons and the teacher said, " Now Billy, Sing from your Diaphragm" and He replied "I don't want to sing from my diaphragm, **I want to sing from my Heart**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Many have lost the " wonder " as Christians* \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 14

He Goes on to say *Forbid them not*

**Forbid** GRK *ko lou o*  
*to make difficult, to hinder, to withstand*  
*to prevent by act or by neglect...*

Verse 13

*They* appears in the in the Masculine, *They* the Fathers

**Fathers; Are we neglecting our children with the things of God**

<b>Teens;</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Our Babies</b>
We should establish a Relationship <b>with</b> them	We should exercise our position <b>for</b> them	Developing a pattern <b>toward</b> them

*At 5 they have all the questions at 15 they have all the answers*  
***We need to be as a child;***

B.) The Entrance *into the Kingdom* Ver. 17-22

Verse 17

Mark says He's Rich

Matthew says He's Young

Luke says He's ruler

### He's a Yuppie

*He's got a U.S.J. decal on the rear window of His donkey with Carphone*

#### *Bucks, Youth, Power*

Yet, present in this man's life is an emptiness  
It's not the bucks, it's not youth, it's not in the power...  
In all his success, *he's eternally deficient*

#### Verse 20

Outwardly He had performed the right things

#### **Philippians 3:6-7**

Concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.  
<sup>7</sup> But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

#### **Romans 7:9**

I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.

The Law (10 commandments) was given to be a *mirror*  
*A Mirror Can Never Washing You Clean*

Matthew 19:20    What lack I yet?    (*Just One Thing* )

#### Verse 21

### The Godward Commandments;    *Relationship*

- 1.) You will worship No other gods..... Bucks
- 2.) You shall make no images or idols to worship.. Things

- 3.) You Shall not take God's name in vain..... Hypocrite.  
 4.) You are not to labor on the Sabbath day..... Actions

**Luke 12:34**

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Verse 22

**Sad** GRK (stoog-nad'-zo)

Meteorological Term

*to render gloomy, (be overcast with clouds, to turn stormy)*

*He Had Performed All The Do Not's But Not The Do's*

**IN THIS GOD I TRUST**

This Present Economic Downturn is Global One

Why?

**Matthew 6:24**

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

You cannot serve both God and Money

*The Trust in Money Builds A False Security,*

*Pride , Arrogance, Self-sufficiency, Insensitivity and Indifference toward others.*

This is what robs us of being HELPLESSLY DEPENDENT towards God.

*The Problem with Money is price you have to pay to get it, Once gotten,  
 it will tax you to death.*

**1 Timothy 6:10**

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

**Proverbs 23:5 KJV**

Cast Just a glance at riches, and they're gone, for money will surely sprout wings and fly off into the sky like an eagle.

**U-Haul** Trailer behind a hearse

"naked I came and naked I go"

*Money is a Marvelous Servant But a Terrible Master*

HE WENT AWAY SAD;

Ashley and I talked of being ready

**"But Christmas is a couple months away, what about the presents?"**

Have you ever heard of entering into His presence's?

**Mark 4:18-19**

"Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word,<sup>19</sup> and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

**Revelation 3:17**

"Because you say, I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked

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It's respectable not to steal,

It's Christian to give away

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C.) *The Rewards of the Kingdom* Ver. 23-31

Verse 25

On Sabbath Evening the gates were shut, Using the Needles Eye was the only way in to the city;

- The Camel had to be small
- The Camels load had to be taken off its back
- The Camel entered through on its knees

Just Like You Have To Enter In  
**Be Small**  
**Be Empty**  
**Be Kneeling, Dependent**

## Verse 26

The Then Populace believed then that if you were an upright, moral, respectable man,  
you would be rich

Today; T.V.

"If you're not rich brother, you're not planting those seeds of faith"

## Paul Read The T.V. Guide

### 1 Timothy 6:5-6

useless babblings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself. <sup>6</sup> Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

## Verse 28-29

### Peter's Economy

"Wow ! If that's the case, We left everything so we are really worthy of something"

*Jesus is No Man's Debtor*

### Luke 6:38

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

### Our New Family

we have mothers, sisters & brothers I have houses,

Costa mesa, **Colorado springs** I have a beautiful home in Moscow and St. Petersburg Russia

## Verse 31

Maybe You've always been the Last or The First?

*Remember that FEELING of being the last picked*

### 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 KJV

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: <sup>27</sup> But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; <sup>28</sup> And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: <sup>29</sup> That no flesh should glory in his presence

## Application;

While You are *In* the Kingdom; Give *to* the Kingdom, *for* the kingdom,

*In A Healthy Church, Dollars should be viewed as Tools  
(We have a million dollars - NO, a million TOOLS)*

### Malachi 3:10

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

### 2 Corinthians 9:7

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

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