

## The Beginning of The Gospel Pt 11 (Mark Chapter 10)

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### Our Essential Need Is The Teaching Of The Lord

Mark 10:1 Then He arose from there & came to the region of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. Multitudes gathered to Him again & as was His custom, He taught them again.

### The Dissolution of Relationship Is Not From God Whether It Is Marriage Or Relationship With The Lord Himself

Mark 10:2-5 The Pharisees came & asked Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" testing Him. He answered & said to them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, to dismiss her." Jesus answered & said to them, "Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.

### When We Return To God's Original Plan It FIXES Us!

Mark 10:6-9 But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male & female.' 'For this reason; a man shall leave his father & mother & be joined to his wife & the two shall become one flesh'; so, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore; what God has joined together, let not man separate."

### A Literal Application of Mosaic Law Holds Many Couples In Violation of That Law

Mark 10:10-12 In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter. So, He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife & marries another commits adultery against her. So, if a woman divorces her husband & marries another, she commits adultery."

### The Lord Desires That All People of All Ages Have Full Access To His Person

Mark 10:13-14 Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. When Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased & said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.

### Trust In The Lord The Way A Child Trusts A Parent

Mark 10:15-16 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them & blessed them.

### A Man Who Flatters His Neighbor Sets A Trap (Proverbs 29:5)

Mark 10:17-18 As He was going out on the road, one came running; knelt before Him & asked Him, "Good Teacher!" -"What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.

### Keeping The Commands of God Towards Others Is Entirely Possible

Mark 10:19-20 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father & your mother.' " He answered & said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth."

### Keeping The Commands Of God Concerning Keeping Him Primary Is Much Harder

Mark 10:21-22 Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him & said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have & give to the poor, & you will have treasure in heaven; then come, take up the cross and follow Me." But he was sad at this word & went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

### To Focus On This Life's Priorities Only Keeps Us From Thinking About The Next

Mark 10:23-24 Jesus looked around & said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" They were astonished at His words & Jesus said to them, "Children; how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God!

### That The Lord Can Save Rich or Poor People; Is A Miracle

Mark 10:23-27 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." They were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them & said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

### Keeping The Lord As The Priority of Life Opens Up Everything To Your Life

Mark 10:28-31 Then Peter said to Him, "We have left all & followed You." Jesus answered, "Assuredly, I say to you, no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake & the gospel's, shall not receive a hundredfold now in this age & houses & brothers & sisters & mothers & children & lands, with persecutions...and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last & the last first."