

 Next Steps: Stop and pray on your own...
"Lord, help me to know how I should respond to your Word."

Are there any "good" people who you are trying to reach with the Gospel?

How does your opinion of their "goodness" impact how you share the Gospel?

Are there any "bad" people who you are trying to reach?
How does your opinion of their "badness" impact how you share?

Are you still saying, "See God...I'm good enough!"
What would it do to you to say, "See God...more sin...I'm not good enough!"?

How can the Camel and the Needle encourage you as you share the Gospel with others?

It is normal to sense our neediness in light of the absolute, perfect standard which God expects. If you are finding your weaknesses and failures discouraging this week, reflect on Romans 7:21-8:4. Even Paul struggled with his neediness, but he found hope in Christ.

The Miracle of Eternal Life

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 Sermon Notes: Matt. 19:13-30



Introduction: Children are not pretentious. Neither is faith. Jesus welcomed children because of faith, not merit. Our pretentiousness should never hinder the faith of children.

I. The Man Asking the Question (v.16a):

A. Rich B. Ruler (Mark/Luke) C. "Good"

II. The Focus of the Question (v.16b):

A. Man-centered B. Presumptuous C. Action-Oriented

III. The Reward Sought: Eternal Life (v.16c)

IV. Jesus' Response (part 1):

✓ Impossible v.17 Only God is Good!

✓ Comprehensive v.17 The Commandments, all of them!

✓ Personal vv.18-19 How about the 2nd Table of Law?

VI. Man's Failure: In his eagerness to justify himself worthy of God's richest blessings, he overlooked his inadequacy. v.20

Don't look for a way to say, "See God...I am good enough."
Instead say, "I see, God...You are good enough."

VII. Jesus' Response (part 2):

✓ Convicting vv.21-22 How about your love for stuff?

✓ Clarifying vv.23-24 Camel/Needle

VIII. The Disciples Reaction: Confusion v.25

IX. Jesus' Response (part 3):

✓ Possible v.26 With God all things are possible.

✓ Probable vv.27-29 Who are these disciples?

X. Your Reaction: v.30 Will you say, "See God..." or
Will you see God in all of His goodness and beg for grace?



Prayer Requests



Getting Started

What is the most difficult experience you ever had moving a large piece of furniture into a home?

What is the most important thing you learned from the message today?

What was the main idea?



Digging Deeper

Read 1 Timothy 1:12-18

How does Paul describe himself in this passage (especially his condition before Christ)?

Imagine you are the Rich Young Ruler of Matthew 19. How would you write 1 Timothy 1:15, before you talked to Jesus?

How about after?

According to verse 16, why did Paul receive mercy?

Doesn't it sound like Paul gets a little off track in verse 17? What's going on there? Is this a pattern I should follow?