

appnotes

DAY 1 READ MATTHEW 19:16-26

1

Following Jesus can get pretty radical. In this passage, a rich young man comes to Jesus eager to prove that he is all about pursuing God. He was actually doing a killer job. He kept the commandments, was sincere and really trying. Jesus liked this guy, so He gave him one more action step..."Go and sell everything you have and give it to the poor." This statement was too radical. This wealthy young man couldn't fathom choosing Jesus over all his stuff. We can't have two masters. We will either worship Jesus or we will worship stuff. The choice is yours. What will you pursue?

DAY 2 READ MARK 12:41-44

2

God doesn't want your money, but He is crazy about your heart! Mark tells us about a bunch of rich people who were putting some serious coin in the offering. If God were concerned about the size of your bank account, Jesus would have praised these people – but that's not what happened. Another character enters, a poor widow. She only gave a few cents, but those few cents represented everything she owned. God had her heart. She trusted Him and He was delighted with her sacrifice, because for her, it was a real sacrifice! Do you trust God to meet your needs, or are you holding something back?

DAY 3 READ LUKE 10:25-37

3

The story of the Good Samaritan is one of the most famous stories ever told by Jesus. Being a good neighbor means showing compassion and helping others in their time of need. But, have you ever stopped to think about what allowed the Samaritan to be so helpful? He was prepared to help meet a need and be generous. It's hard to bless others if we're too busy paying back MasterCard. When we choose to manage our money wisely, we are equipped with tools to help others. The bottom line is, you can't bless someone if you're broke!

DAY READ JOHN 6:1-14

4

The hero of this account is a small boy who had nothing more than a bag lunch. As a massive crowd of 5,000 plus went hungry, this boy could have thought to himself, “It stinks to be them” or “Why should I share my lunch? What good would it do? The need is too great.” Rather than make excuses, the boy hands over His lunch to Jesus Who is able to multiply something small and insignificant into one of the greatest miracles the world has ever seen. Learn something from this child. Do what you can with what you have. It might not look like much, but Jesus is ready to do something big with the little you have!

DAY READ MATTHEW 25:14-30

5

We believe that everything belongs to Jesus. You were never meant to be the master of your stuff or to be mastered by your stuff. You are simply God’s money manager. In this parable, Jesus teaches that good managers get to manage more. Have you ever found yourself making judgments about someone else’s money or possessions? Do you feel like you never have enough or that you can’t get ahead? Before you go passing the blame, stop and evaluate how well you are doing at managing what God has given to you. What’s one thing you can do this month to be a better manager of God’s stuff?

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