

Text: Matthew 19:1-30
Topics: Children, Marriage, Sacrifice, Wealth
Series: The Promised King

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American Idols

I. Marriage & Children (1-15)

God intends marriage to be a lifelong union.

God expects children to be treated like they are His!

Application: Commend ourselves, and others, to God and His Word.

II. Money & Wealth (16-30)

Material wealth is a significant obstacle to eternal life.

God will reward you for your sacrifices to serve Him.

Application: Subject our wealth to the Lord.

Jesus' answer to the idols of achievement and accumulation is follow Me.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Would you agree that achievement and accumulation are idols in America today? Why, or why not?

2. What did Jesus say about marriage in Matthew 19:3-12?

Compare the change in attitudes toward divorce and marriage in our country over the last 80 years. How has the pain of a difficult marriage changed?

How has the church in general, helped, or not helped? How can it do better?

3. What did Jesus say about children in Matthew 19:13-15?

Compare the change in attitudes toward children in the last 80 years. Do you think it is better? Why, or why not?

4. Have you compared your family to other families? What was the result?

What does, or would, commending yourself, and your family to God and His Word look like in your home? What are the challenges? How do you face it?

How do, or would, you commend another family to God and His Word?

5. The young man's wealth in Matthew 19:16-26 stood in the way of gaining eternal life for him. Why?

Do you consider yourself wealthy? How does the wealth you have pose a threat to your spiritual health? How does sacrifice help?

6. In Matthew 19:27-30 Jesus said sacrifice for the Lord is worth it. What is, and isn't a sacrifice? How can you be a better "sacrificer"?

7. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?