

More Lessons On Discipleship Mark 10:13-31 (page 702)

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The C h a r a c t e r i s t i c s of a Disciple (10:13-16)

A disciple is to have the right o b j e c t of faith. (vs 13-14)

A disciple is to be r e c e p t i v e to and d e p e n d e n t upon Jesus. (vs 15-16)

The Dangers of D i s t r a c t i o n for a Disciple (10:17-22)

The young man had a *superficial view*:

- of s a l v a t i o n (vs13)
It is not by doing something to e a r n or m e r i t eternal life.
- of J e s u s (v 14)
Jesus affirms His d e i t y.
- of the L a w (vs 15-20)
He regarded obedience as external c o n f o r m i t y without internal p u r i t y.

Jesus *revealed*:

- the e r r o r of his thinking (v 21a)
He really could n o t k e e p the demands of the Law.
- the c e n t r a l issue of discipleship (v 21b)
It is allegiance to J e s u s not his wealth.
- the d e s i r e s of the young man's heart (v 22)
He cared more about p o s i t i o n and earthly s e c u r i t i e s than trusting in Jesus for life.

Jesus' W a r n i n g to Disciples (10:23-27)

Possessions can be a h a n d i c a p to following Christ. (v 23-24)

Salvation is the work of G o d, not m a n. (v 25-27; cf Eph 2:8-9)

The B e n e f i t s of Discipleship (10:28-31)

Disciples who follow Jesus *wholeheartedly* can anticipate in the age to come:

- 1) More spiritually of what they s a c r i f i c e d physically.
- 2) P e r s e c u t i o n because of their identification with Jesus.
- 3) E t e r n a l life .

Rewards in God's Kingdom are not based upon e a r t h l y standards.