

THIS WEEK AT THF

Tuesday

700-900pm ▶ **THF COLLEGE - Worship Service**
Meets at THF

Wednesday

700-815pm ▶ **THF STUDENTS - Worship & Small Groups**
Youth Cafe' opens at 6:30pm

Thursday

630-730am ▶ **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY**
Meets in the THF Mall

UPCOMING

JAN 9 & JAN 12

Life Group Winter Session

Register Today online or email
randy@theheightsfellowship.org

MAR 13 & MAR 20

9:30am Service ONLY

Please continue to check all of our social media outlets
and our website for updates to weekly activities
and Sunday Services.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	<i>Week of 1/2/22</i>	<i>Year to Date</i>
Budget Giving	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00
Budget Needs	\$2,483.00	\$2,483.00

Free wifi: THFGuest No password needed.



RESET: Your Focus

sniglet n. - any word that doesn't appear in the dictionary, but should...

LOSTITIVELY *adv.* - the idea that we have to do one more thing to insure that we secure heaven and eternal life

The traditional message of this text is: *HOW MONEY CAN KEEP YOU FROM GOD...HOW YOU HAVE TO LOVE JESUS MORE THAN STUFF!*

The man in this story mirrors many of our cultural misconceptions about what it is to even be a CHRIST FOLLOWER!

PROFILE THE MAN...

YOUNG (MATT 19:22)	SYNAGOGUE RULER (LK 18:18)
WEALTHY V22	HIGH (OVER) ACHIEVER
INTENSE/EAGER V17	SEEKING
GOOD	SPIRITUALLY MINDED
SINCERE	

WHAT WAS THE MAN'S DOWNFALL?

- Some would say it was PRIDE!
- Others might hint that he struggled with POSSESSIONS/MATERIALISM
- Jesus KNEW that he really had a FOCUS PROBLEM HIMSELF NOT GOD

How 'PRIDE' AND 'WEALTH' ARE BOTH GOD PROBLEMS!

PRIDE - substitutes dependence on God with PERSONAL effort and achievement

MATERIALISM - prostitutes dependence on God with dependence on material possessions

SOMETHING ONLY MARK RECORDS... ROOT EMBLEPO MEANS TO SEE AND DISCERN

Jesus looked him in the eye - and loved him! Mark 10:21 msg

Mark says that Jesus 'looked' (beheld) [ἐμβλέψαξ] the man.

It means that Jesus SAW and UNDERSTOOD him!

Even when Jesus saw the man (for what he was), He still LOVED him!
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THINGS THE MAN GOT RIGHT -

- ✓ He came to the right PLACE (Jesus)
- ✓ He asked the right QUESTION ABOUT ETERNAL LIFE
- ✓ He was earnestly SEEKING the right ANSWERS HE FELT HE NEEDED MORE
- ✓ He possessed the right PASSION HE RAN AND FELL...

But he was blinded by one, huge misconception:

THAT HE NEEDED TO DO SOMETHING FOR GOD TO 'MAKE IT IN'

'WHY YOU BE CALLING ME GOOD?' v18 CF PS 34:8; 100:5; 135:3; 145:9

- GOD was the ultimate source for 'good'
- Ultimate 'goodness' resided only in GOD

Jesus was plying the man to see if he was ready to acknowledge that sin was a MAN problem and salvation was a GOD SOLUTION

Jesus references his Bible UNDERSTANDING

Respect v. Spirituality

respect = doing...or NOT doing certain things

spirituality = a TRANSACTION (MY 'EFFORT' FOR GOD'S ACCOMPLISHMENT)

Was the man correct in saying he had kept ALL commands? NOPE

3 "You shall have no other gods before Me.

12 "Honor your father and your mother...

4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.

13 "You shall not murder.

14 "You shall not commit adultery.

15 "You shall not steal.

16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's

7 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain...
8 "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey ...

From Exodus 20

Jesus makes an astonishing statement in v.23 - WEALTHY = CHREMA - WEALTH; SOMETHING USEFUL OR NEEDED
"How hardly it is for those with something useful to enter heaven!"

He is saying that heaven is IMPOSSIBLE for humans ON THEIR OWN!
HARDLY=DUSKOLOS - DUS (UN) AND KOLOS (FOOD) IE FOOD THAT DOESN'T SATISFY

To RESET Your Focus -

- 1 Salvation (apart from God) is UNATTAINABLE for anyone!
- 2 Even a *minor* mistake is enough to DISQUALIFY you! (*James 2:10*)
- 3 Jesus KNOWS what hangups will hang you!
- 4 Believers and non-believers often have similar MISCONCEPTIONS!
- 5 The EXCHANGE is worth it!

THF LIFENotes
Week of January 9

1. In your formative years or in your first exposure to church, what is the “one more thing” that was communicated to you to do to attain eternal life? Discuss with your group.

2. Discuss what Mike said about why ‘pride’ and ‘wealth’ are both GOD problems. Share applicable answers from your own experiences.

3. The man in the Mark 10 passage got at least four things right:
 - He came to the right place.
 - He asked the right question.
 - He was earnestly seeking the right answers.
 - He possessed the right passion.Discuss with your group why you think he thought he needed to do something for God to “make it in.”

4. Based on today’s message how can we reset our focus? Which reset button do you need to push to reset your focus? Share with your group.