

ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE?

Mk 10:17-22

INTRODUCTION:

- A. There is a price we pay for everything worthwhile
- B. We can't pay what we want to for the things we buy in the stores where we shop
- C. There are prices we pay in the Spiritual realm
- D. The rich man in our text was not willing to pay the price
- E. We cannot expect something for nothing (spiritual or physical)

DISCUSSION:

I. THE PRICE FOR PARDON

- A. Do God's will instead of ours - there is no bargaining with God Matt 7:21
- B. Must study to find out what God's will is Rom 1:16,17
 - 1. Hear to produce faith Rom 10:17
 - 2. Faith necessary to please God Heb 11:6; Mk 16:16
 - 3. Repent or perish Lk 13:3; Acts 2:38; 17:30
 - 4. Confession unto salvation Rom 10:9,10; Matt 10:32,33
 - 5. Baptism saves 1Pet 3:21; a burial Rom 6:3,4
- C. Many are unwilling to give up their own will and do God's will to have forgiveness of sins. Is giving up our will in order to have forgiveness, too much to ask?

II. THE PRICE FOR GREATNESS

- A. Service Matt 20:27 - not office or position - to be chief one must be willing to serve
- B. Humility
 - 1. Humble as a little child Matt 18:4
 - 2. Pride goeth before destruction Prov 16:18

III. THE PRICE FOR FRIENDS

- A. Be friendly Prov 18:24
- B. Be unselfish Phil 2:3,4
 - 1. Look not on our own things
 - 2. Look on the things of others
- C. Treat others as you wish to be treated Matt 7:12

IV. THE PRICE FOR KNOWLEDGE Acts 17:11

- A. The apostles were guided by divine inspiration Jhn 14:26
- B. We are not: we must study to gain knowledge
 - 1. Study (be diligent) to show ourselves approved 2Tim 2:15
 - 2. Add knowledge to our faith 2Pet 1:5,10

V. THE PRICE OF SPIRITUAL STRENGTH 1Cor 9:24-27 (similar to physical strength)

- A. All athletes know the price of physical strength
- B. Draw a parallel between physical and spiritual strength
 - 1. Must have the right kind of food
 - a. An athlete in training is told what kind of food to eat to stay in good shape physically
 - b. Christians are told what kind of food to eat 1Pet 2:2; Heb 5:12-14
 - c. Christians also have leaders who direct the feeding program Acts 20:28
 - 2. Must be free from disease
 - a. We go to the doctor to get rid of disease
 - b. We want the best that money can buy
 - c. We can die of spiritual disease (sin) Jhn 8:24
 - d. We must go to the right source to get rid of spiritual disease Acts 8:22; Matt 9:1,12
 - 3. Must have the proper exercise
 - a. Good athletes exercise daily
 - b. Distance runners run from 80 to 100 miles a week
 - c. Christians must exercise on a regular basis 1Tim 4:7,8
 - 4. Takes time to be a good sound Christian
 - a. The Hebrews were still babes in Christ Heb 5:12
 - b. Although they had, had time to be full grown
 - 5. When we are asked to do something for the cause of Christ, it is for our good

VI. THE PRICE OF HEAVEN

- A. Live in Christ Phil 1:21
- B. Abide in Christ Jhn 15:6
- C. Die in Christ Rev 14:13
- D. Live faithful till death Rev 2:10

CONCLUSION:

- A. A person cannot have everything he wants in this life
- B. We can have Heaven at the expense of the world or we can have the world at the expense of Heaven.
- C. Have you met the requirements for forgiveness of sins?
- D. Christ has made the supreme sacrifice (made the down payment) now we must do what God expects of us as the balance of payment
- E. Let's not be like this rich man in Mk 10:17-22