

One Thing You Lack

Mark 10:17-22

Into the Lesson:

Some thoughts on wealth, and health:

Annual average income worldwide according to Worlddata.com:

Monaco-\$186,000
United States-\$83,600
Romania-\$17,600
Russia-\$15,320
Ecuador-\$6,430
Cambodia-\$2,520
Haiti-\$1,760
Barundi-\$190

I wasn't much of a "mathlete" but I know that averages mean there were a lot of people making less and a few people making way more.

How does "average income" reflect on the overall wealth of a nation? And not implying any kind of "redistribution of wealth" that seems to be part of present culture.

A recent health story from **1440 News** app. told of person receiving a lung transplanted from a pig. Wonder if the recipient has a hard time enjoying "Pig Roast Sunday"?

Into the Word:

After reading Mark 10:17-22 from Lane's sermon, what do we know of this young man and the "boxes" he would check off at first glimpse?

If you don't think Lane got it right, check out:

Matthew 19:16-30-
Luke 18:18-30-

Respond to Lane's declaration, "...the Kingdom of God is front and center in everything Mark is writing".

How would Philippians 3:7-8 have helped this good Jewish young man have a better grasp of what was expected of him?

How does this reinforce Lane's assertion, "...the law shows us how deep our spiritual need is,"

How would you rewrite this man's story, so it is not the only place that someone went 'away from Jesus sad'?

How would Acts 3:44-45 fit in that scenario?

Into Life:

What evidence do we see in our culture that people hold to the, "...If there is a God, He will reward nice people..."

How do we get past the "tough sell" that we are indeed helpless and needy and lost?

How do we keep that as the focal point of our lives?

Apart from the whole "relative wealth" issue, what other resources do we have available to us that can be used to advance the Kingdom of God?

How do we begin to focus our minds on the possibility of a "Divine Appointment"?

"A spiritual kingdom lies all about us, enclosing us, embracing us, altogether within reach of our inner selves, waiting for us to recognize it"

- A.W. Tozer