
Some thoughts to take with you . . . *Obstacles to Obedience*

It is important to ask honestly what we're currently building our lives around. Before we can talk about how to live a cross centered life, we have to identify what our life is centered on right now. We're all living lives centered on something. But is it the right thing? So think about this for a moment. What is the main thing in your life?.

C. J. Mahaney, *Cross Centered Life*, pg. 19

I want deliberately to encourage this mighty longing after God. The lack of it has brought us to our present low estate. The stiff and wooden quality about our religious lives is a result of our lack of holy desire. Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ to His people. He waits to be wanted. Too bad that with many of us He waits so long, so very long, in vain.

A. W. Tozer

Go forth today, by the help of God's Spirit, vowing and declaring that in life---come poverty, come wealth, in death---come pain or come what may, you are and ever must be the Lord's. For this is written on your heart, 'We love Him because He first loved us.

C.H. Spurgeon

The real measure of our wealth is how much we should be worth if we lost our money.

J. H. Jowett

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The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

1. *The rich young ruler expected Jesus to:*

- A. praise him for his keeping of the law.
- B. ask him for money.
- C. invite him to a special service later.
- D. all of the above.

2. *Money can become an obstacle to obedience since:*

- A. it can easily become your passion.
- B. it can keep us from being dependent on God.
- C. it can make our hearts proud.
- D. all of the above.

3. *In Luke 18 Jesus told a story about:*

- A. a camel and a needle.
- B. a judge and a widow
- C. a Pharisee and a tax collector.
- D. all of the above

For Family Discussion: What are the bad consequences if money has a hold on our hearts? How can we use money for the Kingdom?

Space to Doodle

Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

RULER _____	TOTAL: _____
WEALTH _____	_____
KINGDOM _____	_____
RICH _____	_____
JESUS _____	_____
DISCIPLES _____	_____

Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

RULER WEALTH KINGDOM SUPER BOWL RICH JESUS GIANTS
 PATRIOTS CHRIST DISCIPLES MONEY COMMANDMENTS YOUTH
 CAMEL EYE NEEDLE HEAVEN SNOW WINTER SHANNON SONGS
 GRACE FAITH LIVING LOVING LEARNING COMMITMENT HUMOR

W C A M E L U F A I T H D Q K D E
 G N I V O L B D Z P A T R I O T S
 H N R E S C R H N E V A E H G K F
 R E O S T W U T D Y T C J R J S J
 L E M U N L L L H C I R A E Z O K
 U D U P E Y E A P M F C S D A N R
 A L H E M V R E D O E U A I Y G E
 N E B R D V M W D D S R S S D S T
 O W A X N T V J S G H K I C S D N
 N U Y C A G S A Y N B H G I T G I
 N W E U M N K I F I O T I P N D W
 A O N A M I C Q R K W V O L A Q P
 H N O I O V F F A H L N L E I P K
 S S M Y C I A C Y L C E A S G Z C
 Y O U T H L J N H E I W M C V L Z