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Topic: Let Go!

Prov 10.2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing,

Proverbs 10.18 Whoever hides hatred has lying lips,

Proverbs 10.31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, But the perverse tongue will be cut out.

Letting Go of covetousness - Love of riches

Mark 10 Then He arose from there and came to the region of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And multitudes gathered to Him again, and as He was accustomed, He taught them again.

Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler who had difficult in letting go of wealth!

17Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

18So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is,* God. **19**You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' "

20And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth."

21Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."

22But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Then Jesus goes on to tell the disciples that "With God All Things Are Possible"

23Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" **24**And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is [b]for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! **25**It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

26And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?"

27But Jesus looked at them and said, “With men *it is* impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.”

28Then Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You.”

29So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother [c]or wife or children or [d]lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, **30**who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life. **31**But many *who are* first will be last, and the last first.”

Psalm 20.7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

The next lesson we learn on Jesus root from Judea to Jerusalem was the power of influence is not based on title, position, ranking, seating in high places but rather in serving -

Letting Go of titles/ranking - Pride - Embracing Humility

32Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: **33**“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; **34**and they will mock Him, and [e]scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.”

Greatness Is Serving

35Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.”

36And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

37They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.”

38But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”

39They said to Him, “We are able.”

So Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; **40**but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it is prepared.”

41And when the ten heard *it,* they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. **42**But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **43**Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. **44**And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. **45**For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

They now come to Jericho and Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

46Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. **47**And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

48Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

49So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called.

Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.”

50And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.

51So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.”

52Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road

Letting Go of Beggar mindset - Putting on Christ’s righteousness

Heb 12. 1-3 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2looking unto Jesus, the [a]author and [b]finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

(root word for weight is encumbrance bulk, mass, a weight, burden (over load).

hamartía ("sin, forfeiture because missing the mark") is the brand of sin that emphasizes its *self*-originated (*self*-empowered) nature – i.e. it is not originated or empowered by God (i.e. *not* of *faith*, His inworked persuasion)

let us throw off - (apothemenoi)

To lay off or aside, renounce, stow away, put. From apo and tithemi; to put away.