



TESTIMONIES OF
TRANSFORMATION

Only Two Choices in Life
Mark 10:13-27
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¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be **conformed** to this world, but be **transformed** by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1–2 (ESV)

BIG IDEA: We can either go through life hoping to get into the Kingdom of God by conforming to the world by trusting in our own pursuits and resources; or by undergoing an inside-out transformation which comes by putting child-like faith in Christ. Only one path works!

¹¹ For the sun **rises** with its scorching heat and **withers** the grass; its flower **falls**, and its beauty **perishes**. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. James 1:11 (ESV)

**Do YOU have enough?
How much is enough?**

33“See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. **34** And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

Mark 10:33–34 (ESV)

I. CHOICE #1: TRUST JESUS AS A CHILD vv. 13-16

13 And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 15 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” 16 And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Mark 10:13–16 (ESV)

**Transformed People Enter
The Kingdom Of God
With Child-Like Faith**

**Transformed People
Love Children**

³⁶ And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

Mark 9:36–37 (ESV)

¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples **rebuked** them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:13-14 (ESV)

13 And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was **indignant** and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”

ἀγανακτέω = to become angry at injustice



⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. Deut. 6:7 (ESV)

II. CHOICE #2: TRUST IN YOUR OWN PURSUITS AND RESOURCES

**The LOVE of it can become
the END of it!**

17 And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit **eternal life**?” 18 And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’ ” 20 And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” 21 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have **treasure in heaven**; and come, follow me.”

22 Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. 23 And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to **enter the kingdom** of God!” 24 And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is 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 person to enter the kingdom of God.” 26 And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then **who can be saved?**” 27 Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

Mark 10:17–27 (ESV)

A. Know Who God Is and Trust in Christ

18 And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.

¹ Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 106:1 (ESV)

19 You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’ ”

20 And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.”

Application for Evangelism:

- God is good.
- You are bad. (missed the mark)
- Jesus is the one true Savior of the world!

B. Give Up All Other Securities

²⁰ And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.”

Jesus both **LOVES** and **WARNS!**

²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

²² **Disheartened** by the saying, he went away **sorrowful**, for he had great possessions. ²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” Mark 10:21-23 ESV

The Gospels are clear that Jesus **loves** the one who rejects the Son, but His **judgment remains** on the one who rejects Him.

This is an **economic application** to what Jesus already called for in Mark 8:34...

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Mark 8:34 (ESV)

Jesus said the **same thing to his disciples** in Luke...

³² “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Luke 12:32–34 (ESV)

This is a call to give up your
security in your money!

³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your
heart be also. Luke 12:34 (ESV)

⁸ All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. ⁹ What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. Ecclesiastes 1:8–9 (ESV)

The *Qohelet* concludes in Ecc. 2...

“I hated life” v. 17

“I hated all my toil” v. 18

“I gave my heart up to despair” v. 20

Or, like David with child-like faith, we can lift up our eyes beyond the cosmos and say...

¹O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Psalm 8:1 (ESV)

²⁴ There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is **from the hand of God**, ²⁵ for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?

Ecclesiastes 2:24-25 (ESV)

It is not what you are going to do
WITHOUT (as a kind of asceticism);
rather, it is what you are going to do
WITH what you have!

²² **Disheartened** by the saying, he went away **sorrowful**, for he had great possessions.

Jesus' light revealed the **darkness** in the young rich man's heart. Rather than being **GLAD** he went away **SAD!**

Jesus wanted him to realize that transformation through child-like faith will allow him to relax and to release his grip on things, confident that his deepest needs, longings, and desires will be met and thus be freed to Glorify God & bless others with all of his (God's) possessions and wealth!

13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” Luke 16:13 (ESV)

