

Mark 10

ASVh with Comments

Summary. In this chapter, the Lord has prepared His disciples again about what will happen to Him; the disciples have no idea what will happen to Him and them, but the Lord starts to tell about His suffering coming up and that He will rise again after three days. As the time of departure of the Lord approaches, we can say something of the traveling of the Lord. Even the Lord knows that His time is coming, but this does not stop Him from traveling. On each day, the Lord works and meets people teaching them to come to the kingdom of God. He always points out to people to come to the right path. As we go further on through the chapters of the Gospel, we will see the difficulty the Lord is facing each day as He is traveling. Each day the Lord knows that His time of departure comes closer, but this does not make Him stop preaching and calling to Him all those that belong to Him; the time is short, and the Lord has more work to do that is why He never stopped traveling, He tried to bring the most that the Father has called, that is His work on earth. Here in this chapter, we can highlight four verses about the Lord's traveling. 1) Mark 10:1 tells that the Lord went to the region of Judea beyond Jordan. Here crowds followed Him, and the Pharisees from that region came to test Him with questions. The Lord teaches people about divorce, Moses' law, and the Kingdom of God. 2) In Mark 10:17, we are told that Jesus sets out on His journey, and a man comes to Him and asks, "what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life." Here at this time, the Lord told all humans to know that those who love riches and wealth on earth will have a hard time entering into the kingdom of God. Treasures on this earth are as a wall between faith and following the teaching of the Lord; you want to follow, but you have the wall, and when you want to cross over, the love of riches pulls you down. You can have money and things on this earth, but if you do not love them, you will find the way to go to heaven; the Lord does not teach believers to be poor but not to put their love towards riches. 3) In Mark 10:32, Jesus and His disciples are on the road going up to Jerusalem. Here is where Jesus teaches His disciples again about His suffering. During this time, James and John come to Him with a request. The Lord uses this situation to teach the disciples to be servants of the Lord as He Himself came down on earth to serve all humans and "give His life as a ransom for many." 4) Mark 10:46 tells us that Jesus and His disciples came to Jericho. As they were leaving Jericho, a great crowd followed, and Jesus stopped and showed mercy to a blind beggar called Bartimaeus and healed him.

10¹ And **He** arose from **there** and **comes** into the borders of Judea and beyond the Jordan: and multitudes come together unto **Him** again; and, as **He** was **accustomed to**, **He** taught them again.

² And there came unto **Him** Pharisees, and asked **Him**, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? trying **Him**.

³ And **He** answered and said **to** them, What did Moses command you?

⁴ And they said, Moses **allowed** to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.

⁵ But **Jesus** said **to** them, For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.

⁶ But from the beginning of the creation, Male and female made **He** them.

⁷ For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife;

⁸ and the two shall become one flesh: so that they are no more two, but one flesh.

⁹ What therefore **God** has joined together, let not man put **apart**.

¹⁰ And in the house the disciples asked **Him** again of this matter.

¹¹ And **He** says **to** them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, **commits** adultery against her:

¹² and if she herself shall put away her husband, and marry another, she **commits** adultery.

Comments Mark 10: 1-12. For Mark 10:1-9 see Comments Matthew 19:1-9.

Comparison Analysis

Mark 10:1, Matthew 19:1-2. See Comments Matthew 19:1-2. "And, as He was accustomed to, He taught them again"; this verse tells us, as His custom, that is the purpose the Lord has come, to teach all humans, and

give everyone a chance to be saved. He did not go only for the Jews; here it tells clearly, as His custom He always teaches the people; if people come to Him, He teaches them.

Mark 10:2, Matthew 19: 3. See Comments Matthew 19:3. As written in the Old Testament, the Jews are not supposed to take the women of the region; they mixed the blood, and as it is written in the Old Testament, that is not supposed to be done. But, people use reasons of their life and go against what God has commanded.

Mark 10:3. In this verse, Jesus answers them with a question. In the Gospel of Matthew, this answer with a question is not given; we should note that each Gospel gives the events in a different order, but they don't go against each other. Here the Lord wants them to think for what they answer and what the Lord will tell; they must learn to think and go back to the Scripture.

Mark 10:4. Here they give their answer.

Mark 10:5-9, Matthew 19:4-6. Jesus explains why Moses gave this commandment. See Comments Matthew 19:4-6.

Matthew 19:7. One person has a question, another person has the answer, but when bringing both to come in order, answer first or ask first, the time plays a role in here for giving these verses. Note that the order of verses in the Gospel of Mark and Matthew is not the same. It is almost the same time, as the Lord speaks, they also speak; almost go like against each other (the events in the Gospels), but it isn't against each other, just different time and the order of asking, do they wait until the Lord answers or give the answer for the Lord following the teaching of humans; one comes and asks, and the Lord gives the answer, but another one already has the answer for them, it looks both ways. Also, remember that these Pharisees are born there, and in their heads, the teaching is different; they have the teaching written, but also, they have the mind teaching from the region which it goes across each other. Humans tend to accept human teaching because humans tend to think that human teaching is the way of life, and God's teaching is just written teaching and not a way of life.

Mark 10:5, Matthew 19:8. See Comments Matthew 19:8.

Matthew 19:9. Here, this answer, the Lord gives it to all the people that gather to listen to Him.

Mark 10:10. Here we understand that the Lord and the disciples went into the house, and then the disciples ask again privately about this matter.

Mark 10:11. The Lord here gives them again the same answer about divorcing.

Matthew 19:10. The disciples make a conclusion about the answer the Lord gave. See Comment Matthew 19:10.

Matthew 19:11-12. The Lord explains to them further about their understanding. See Comments Matthew 19:11-12.

¹³ And they were bringing unto **Him** little children, that **He** should touch them: and the disciples rebuked them.

¹⁴ But when **Jesus** saw it, **He** was moved with indignation, and said to them, **Allow** the little children to come unto **Me**; forbid them not: for to such **belongs** the kingdom of **God**.

¹⁵ Verily **I** say to you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of **God** as a little child, he shall in no **way** enter therein.

¹⁶ And **He** took them in **His** arms, and blessed them, laying **His** hands upon them.

Comments Mark 10: 13-16. For Mark 10:13-16 see Comments Matthew 19:13-15, and Comments Luke 18:15-17.

Mark 10:14-15. We should have the heart innocent as children; the children's heart does not have envy. See Comments Matthew 19:14.

Mark 10:16. In this place, it shows the heart of the Lord towards children. As the Bible has told, He took them in His arms, showing affection and love, as humans do with the children. The Lord had displayed His human side here when He showed this towards children.

¹⁷ And as **He** was going forth into the **area**, there ran one to **Him**, and kneeled to **Him**, and asked **Him**, **Good Teacher**, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

¹⁸ And **Jesus** said to him, **Why do you call Me** good? none is good **except One**, even **God**.

¹⁹ You know the commandments, Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.

²⁰ And he said unto Him, Teacher, all these things have I observed from my youth.

²¹ And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said to him, One thing you lack: go, sell whatsoever you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven: and come, follow Me.

²² But his countenance fell at the saying, and he went away sorrowful: for he was one that had great possessions.

Comments Mark 10: 17-22. For Mark 10:17-22 see Comments Matthew 19:16-22, and Comments Luke 18:18-23.

Comparison Analysis

Mark 10:17, Matthew 19:16, Luke 18:18. In Luke, it tells us that this man is a ruler (meaning that he could be ruler just of his own household, not necessarily an important person, or ruler of a town), and in Mark, it tells that he comes and kneels to the Lord. All these verses show that this man thinks he can do something good to trade the place in heaven, but the deed has been done already (See Comments Matthew 19:16).

Mark 10:18, Matthew 19:17, Luke 18:19. Here in these verses, Jesus confirms there is only one God, and He is One (See Comments Matthew 19:17).

Mark 10:19, Matthew 19:18-19, Luke 18:20. The commands mentioned in these verses are the same with Matthew, giving one extra command “you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (See Comments Matthew 19:18-19).

Mark 10:20, Matthew 19:20, Luke 18:21. See Comments Matthew 19:20.

Mark 10:21, Matthew 10:21, Luke 18:22. All these verses show that the Lord knows the heart of this person. In Mark, we are told that Jesus “loved him,” showing that the Lord loves all, regardless of being rich and poor. These verses in this place in the Scripture tell us, as a sinner, if come to the Lord, leave the things of this world, take your heart away of the things that your eyes have kept looking at, and follow the Lord with the inner heart, not just walking follow, the inner eyes and inner heart both have to follow as well. If we say we follow, but the heart is not there, this verse will be like a blockage to build up, and the inner eyes can't see the right way to come. All the Lord wants humans to do is to look at the Lord as their leader and leave the things that attach to them, and follow the Lord (See Comments Matthew 19:21).

Mark 10:22, Matthew 19:22, Luke 18:23. These verses show that the earthly riches captured the heart of this man (See Comments Matthew 19:22).

²³ And Jesus looked around, and says to His disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus answers again, and says to them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

²⁶ And they were astonished exceedingly, saying unto Him, Then who can be saved?

²⁷ Jesus looking at them says, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for all things are possible with God.

²⁸ Peter began to say unto Him, Behold, we have left all, and have followed Thee.

²⁹ Jesus said, Verily I say to you, There is no man that has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands, for My sake, and for the gospel's sake,

³⁰ but he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brothers, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

³¹ But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

Comments Mark 10:23-31. For Mark 10:23-31 see Comments Matthew 19:23-30, and Comments Luke 18:24-30.

Comparison Analysis

Mark 10:23-25, Matthew 19:23-24, Luke 18:24-25. The Lord tells in these verses that it is hard for those that trust in the riches of this world to enter into the kingdom of God. See Comments Matthew 19:23-24.

“It is easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye ...”; in this verse, it tells us clearly; compare in your mind what it is, the camel goes through the needle’s eye, think of the needle’s eye and the size of the animal itself, what it can be more difficult for the animal to go through it. So, the verse tells us clearly that going to the kingdom of heaven is not physically difficult (the flesh will transform), but for the internal soul, “for them, that trust in riches” is harder than the physical of this comparison.

Mark 10:26, Matthew 19:25, Luke 18:26. See Comments Matthew 19:25.

Mark 10:27-28, Matthew 19:26-27, Luke 18:27-28. See Comments Matthew 19:27.

Matthew 19:28. This portion of the answer of the Lord to the disciples is given only in the Gospel of Matthew. Remember as well; the Lord has resurrected in the body, not in spirit; the material body has been raised up. See Comments Matthew 19:28.

Mark 10:29-30, Matthew 19:29, Luke 18:29-30. See Comments Matthew 19:29.

Mark 10:30. This verse is given only in Mark.

“Who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time”; in this time does not mean earthly time, but the inner heart and soul time. The heart can feel with the soul, and that is the period of time which is talking here; to feel your heart connect with the soul is not easy; not many can feel that. Here is talking about the connection between the heart and soul, only this time on earth they connect together; when we go into heaven, the heart as an organ doesn’t go, just the soul. The heart and the soul to be connected, it is not easy in human flesh to experience that; and it is a short period that a person on earth has that blessing from the Lord, it becomes feeling beyond human can explain, that why it is a short period of time. This connection is not happening all the time during our life on earth; it is an on and off blessing given from the Lord to His chosen people (See Mark 10:29).

Q: What is the difference between earthly time and inner heart and soul time? **A:** Earthly time is like a physical thing; you can count that time. But the inner heart and soul time has no limit, and besides no limit, you have no control over it; you walk through the time of inner with the purpose of being in touch with the Lord. The touch is not on the surface of your body, but inner touch, deeper than the flesh can feel; that is why it relates to the inner soul. Also, remember you never are alone; you feel the Lord alongside, that only the inner soul can feel, as the Bible has told in many places, walk with the Lord not just follow, but together with the Lord, you feel closer than the earthly feeling gives. Two people married, you feel close to one another, but the inner soul feel with the Lord is closer than that. It is hard for humans to understand to feel with the soul, not with the head. Humans feel by the head, but at that time, when you use inner soul, you don’t use your head to think or feel; the inner heart will do that because the Lord is also there with you in your inner heart and soul. The heart as an organ follows the physical time, but the inner heart and soul follow the Lord’s time.

“houses”; (Your house and the Holy Spirit house in your soul makes for houses); look around you and see what you call the house of this earth; but, let your heart feel the house inside the heart itself, you can feel, in human term would say, the house of your heart as a palace, use the inner heart to feel that. Also, remember the Bible tells us clearly who lives in your heart, so that is the palace of your Holy Spirit that is in your heart, find that. Go to the place where you disconnect from the world, you will feel left alone from the things of this earth, and meditate the Word in your heart, and you will feel the house of your heart, but the physical has to be disconnected all from you. Don’t be concerned about hot or cold, don’t worry about your hunger, use your heart to feel the soul, and the body will receive the benefit of that feeling; this can revive your physical energy when you do deep meditation, not as the world is teaching you to torture yourself but treat yourself well. Find a place where the body can feel comfortable; outside, in the bedroom, or some people make a special room where they feel disconnected from the world. Let your body feel complete, that you have paid attention to, that deep peace (rest) of the body will go down into your heart, and the attachment of heart and soul will happen, use your mouth praising, no other words but only praising alone; that humans should do, meditate on each word; that why the Bible is called the Living Word of God, meditate on it.

“brothers and sisters and mothers and children”; these are all that meditate in the Word as we have described before. These are close together as mother, sister, brother, children, as family; these who meditate in the Word will be as one family.

“and lands,”; because the land is not life, it is an object, what you consider is value on this earth is the meaning of land here; everything you think it has value on this earth that is the land, **because you will not feel that you lack anything**, that is why you can say you have lands. What life needs is not that many things; the rest is not the life needs; those are just for show. Think of what is needed for life, the rest is nothing, the connection between them is the important thing here, the things that we think have value but do not build up the faith are not important, in between (you and the things of the world) is the Word; without the Word, those things are not valuable, be beside the Word or be far from the Word, you receive or not receive the things the life needs.

“with persecution”; because when people see you be close to the Lord, the jealousy will come, and that jealousy turns to be an unseen weapon, not like any weapon in this world. The jealousy creates harmful words that people use to talk out and hurt someone else knowingly, and the jealousy has covered the mind, making that person feel not to care. When you have jealousy is a negative way of thinking, it hurts yourself and someone else as well. In the unseen world, that weapon can cut the connection between you and the Word by creating doubt; in the unseen world, the most important thing is that no jealousy occupies a room in the mind and in the heart.

“and in the age to come eternal life”; this is the life in the unseen world; when you join with the Lord, the eternal life will be the gift you receive there.

Mark 10:31, Matthew 19:30. See Comments Matthew 19:30.

³² And they were on the way, going up to Jerusalem; and **Jesus** was going before them: and they were amazed; and they that followed were afraid. And **He** took again the twelve, and began to tell them the things that were to happen unto **Him**,

³³ saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the **Son of Man** shall be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes; and they shall condemn **Him** to death, and shall deliver **Him** to the Gentiles:

³⁴ and they shall mock **Him**, and shall spit upon **Him**, and shall scourge **Him**, and shall kill **Him**; and after three days **He** shall rise again.

Comments Mark 10:32-34. For Mark 10:32-34 see Comments Matthew 20:17-19, and Comments Luke 18:31-33.

Passage Analysis

Mark 10:32a. In many places, it has been told that people followed Him, so many multitudes have been following. And now it is in that situation, the Lord is among the multitude, and His disciples also have a duty, going among multitude talking about the teaching of the Lord; here we can link the duty of the disciples to speak with the people. The Lord has seen ahead what the multitude that follows will be part of; in Him, He saw what they would do to Him. Jesus knows the pain that will come to Him, but it does not go over the love He has for humans. Here His love is also expressed out towards all people in the world. His people deliver Him, but gentiles also are part of that, but the Lord also wants the Gospel to be preached among gentile to save them all as well.

“and Jesus was going before them: and they were amazed”; all that followed Him were amazed, all humans were amazed because of the calm and peace that always has been shown out from Him. Even how He talks about what they will do to Him, the calm and peace that He has, all those have not disappeared from Him, they spread around Him as light, it was like a covering around Him; no man on earth has that.

“and they that follow were afraid”; here, afraid refers to a question that everyone had in their heart, “who is He?”.

Mark 10:32b-34, Matthew 20:17-19, Luke 18:31-33. See Comments Matthew 20:17-19.

³⁵ And there come near unto **Him** James and John, the sons of Zebedee, saying unto **Him, Teacher**, we would that **Thou should** do for us whatsoever we shall ask of **Thee**.

³⁶ And **He** said to them, What would you that **I** should do for you?

³⁷ And they said unto **Him**, Grant to us that we may sit, one on **Thy** right hand, and one on **Thy** left hand, in **Thy** glory.

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

³⁹ And they said unto **Him**, We are able. And **Jesus** said to them, The cup that I drink you shall drink; and with the baptism that I am baptized with shall you be baptized:

⁴⁰ but to sit on **My** right hand or on **My** left hand is not **Mine** to give; but it is for them for whom it has been prepared.

⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be moved with indignation concerning James and John.

⁴² And **Jesus** called them to **Him**, and says to them, You know that they who are accounted to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great ones exercise authority over them.

⁴³ But it is not so among you: but whosoever would become great among you, shall be your minister;

⁴⁴ and whosoever would be first among you, shall be servant of all.

⁴⁵ For the **Son of Man** also came not to be ministered to, but to minister, and to give **His** life a ransom for many.

Comments Mark 10:35-45. For Mark 10:35-45 see Comments Matthew 20:20-28.

Comparison Analysis

Matthew 20:20-21. The mother did come with her sons first to the Lord, but the answer the Lord has given to her did not complete the wish of the sons, and afterward, here in Mark, the sons did come by themselves because of the question of their heart was not answered. Therefore, combining the verses in Matthew and Mark, we can conclude that the answer given by the Lord to the mother is not recorded for us. See Comments Matthew 20:20, 21.

Mark 10:35. The Lord gives something, but what the Lord gave did not fit in their hearts (James and John), and they come back and pursue asking the same question.

Mark 10:36-37. In this portion, we can say that these two let the answer of their hearts guide them (think of what part of the heart you are talking about, the deep inner part of the heart or the outer surface part). By coming and asking this question, they did not think about what the Lord had been teaching them. The wish of the heart has blinded the wisdom of man; this often happens with people; be pleased for what you get; here, these two were not pleased with the answer the Lord has given and came back to ask the same thing.

Mark 10:38-39a, Matthew 20:22. See Comments Matthew 20:22.

Mark 10:39b-40, Matthew 20:23. See Comments Matthew 20:23.

“and, with the baptism which I am baptized”; the baptism the Lord is talking about now is not only just water baptism, but He is talking about the Holy Spirit baptism. Afterward, all disciples were baptized with the Holy Spirit (See Act 2) not just only water; as the Lord has been baptized not just by the water, but as the Bible has told the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus, this is what the Lord is talking about here in this verse.

Mark 10:41-44, Matthew 20:24-27. See Comments Matthew 20:24, 26, 28.

⁴⁶ And they come to Jericho: and as **He** went out from Jericho, with **His** disciples and a great multitude, the son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the way side.

⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was **Jesus the Nazarene**, he began to cry out, and say, **Jesus, Thou Son of David**, have mercy on me.

⁴⁸ And many rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried out the more a great deal, **Thou Son of David**, have mercy on me.

⁴⁹ And **Jesus** stood still, and said, Call you him. And they call the blind man, saying to him, Be of good cheer: rise, **He calls you**.

⁵⁰ And he, **throwing** away his garment, sprang up, and came to **Jesus**.

⁵¹ And **Jesus** answered him, and said, What will you that I should do to you? And the blind man said unto **Him, Rabboni**, that I may receive my sight.

⁵² And **Jesus** said to him, Go your way; your faith has made you whole. And straightaway he received his sight, and followed **Him** in the way.

Comments Mark 10:46-52. For Mark 10:46-52, see also Luke 18:35-45. The healing of the blind man given here in Mark 10:46-52 is the same as in Luke 18:35-45; the same man healed, but the way of presentation is somewhat different.

Q: Is there a connection between the blind Bartimaeus in Mark 10:46-52 and the healing of the two blind men in Matthew 20:29-34? **A:** These healings are not the same but similar case; traveling by foot, many things can happen per day. This is an example between things that happened between these two Gospels; they are different but similar. Also, note that the two blind men in Matthew are not beggars.

Passage Analysis

Mark 10:46. In this place, it tells one main thing, the Lord has done the work in the town, and when the Lord departs, a great crowd follows, a lot of people are following and spreading out the news about the Lord. And this is what the Lord wants to be, as the Lord is traveling, spread the word out and gather a great crowd. Notice, it is not that the Lord wants the great crowds doing things for Him; the purpose to gather great crowds is to let them talk between them and let the people around know about the mercy of God; that is the purpose. Also, we should remember the time of the Lord on earth is short, and the Lord wants as many as have a sincere heart to come to Him, and this is the time for them to be saved; that is why the Lord lets people talk around, not because He wants to be important, but for letting people know that the mercy of God has come to earth at this time.

Q: Why is the name of this father (Timaeus) mentioned here in this verse? **A:** In this place, it mentions the father's name because what the Lord will do for his son will make the father think as well. His name has been written down; humans do not know what the Lord has in the plan, the father will do things that are not written down for us to know.

Mark 10:47. Here it tells clearly, and Christians should follow, notice the words this man used, "have mercy on me"; begging for mercy from the Lord not begging for wishing things, mercy begging. In this place, we can call mercy begging; the man begged only for mercy.

Mark 10:48. This verse focuses on one thing: never give up asking; here, it shows clearly that mercy will be given if you don't give up. People will rebuke or try to stop you asking, but don't let those stop you, keep asking, leave people behind and keep your eyes on the Lord asking always, and mercy will be given.

See also Comments Matthew 20:31. Notice that the blind men in Matthew 20:29-34 are not beggars; in many places in the Bible, people ask mercy, but it doesn't mean these all refer to the same situation.

Mark 10:49. Jesus stopped and called this man; because he asked for mercy, the Lord shows mercy. Even Jesus had little time left over, but for mercy, the Lord stopped for this man. The Lord always stops for anyone whose heart sincerely is searching for mercy, even here, the Lord Himself, knowing that His departure time is approaching, He stopped. For an unimportant person He stopped, you may be unimportant for this world, but because of your heart-searching and the mouth that is begging for mercy, the Lord always stops.

Mark 10:50. The man is glad, you can picture out when a person is glad, he left everything and goes to the Lord; and also keep in mind the blind poor man, he will not have another cloak for himself, but when the Lord was calling, he throws his cloak off, he didn't know what is coming, but he throws off what he has.

Mark 10:51. The Lord knows what the man wants, but also the Lord wants the person to express his wish to the Lord. The Lord does not do for the one which does not ask; this man needs mercy, but he did ask as well, and the mercy will be given after he has asked.

Mark 10:52. Here we see the word straightaway (the meaning of the word the Lord speaks); the Lord did not ask someone to do more, just express the need with a sincere heart, and the mercy has been given immediately, remember the word.

"and followed Him in the way"; and the Lord also knows the man will follow the Lord, the length of time to follow it doesn't matter, but he followed (on the way and in faith) the Lord.

Life and Faith Applications. 1) Those who believe in God should not divorce; they should not even speak out about divorcing; this word should not be among believers. 2) You can have money and things on this earth, but if you do not love them, you will find the way to go to heaven; the Lord does not teach believers to be poor,

but not to put the love towards riches. 3) Look at the Lord as your leader and leave the things attached to you behind and follow the Lord. 4) Be pleased and joyful for what the Lord provides for you and His plans for you. 5) Never give up asking for mercy from the Lord; if you don't give up, mercy will be given. People will rebuke or try to stop you from asking, but do not let those stop you; keep asking, and leave people behind.