

Mark 10:17-27

Better Than Resolutions

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Introduction: The religion of "Try Harder"

Key Question: What is better than resolutions to "try harder" as a way of approaching God and navigating life?

We first must consider what is on the surface of the passage:

I. A Great Opportunity (17)

A. Great Opening

B. Great Attitude

C. Great Question

Ideal Evangelism

But we know something is not right by...

1. Jesus' response

2. Mans response

- Reflects the human reflex of "try harder religion"

- Reflects the human religion we all resent

II. A Great Obligation (19)

A. Jesus' response to the Man's Greeting: only God is Good (17-18)

B. Jesus' response to the Man's Question: Follow Commands (19)

C. Man's response to Jesus: I have done all (20)

D. Jesus' response to god/man: One thing more (21)

Instruction: give away wealth

Intention: Expose heart idols

Now consider what is beneath the surface of the passage

III. The Great Objectives

A. Only God is Good (18)

B. Only God is God

C. Only Grace will Do

- providing Goodness we need (21 -> 33+34)

- providing the Power we need (24-27)

- providing the Desires we need (21)