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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Mark 10:17-29

A 42-year banking career has confirmed a well-known truth to John: wealth can have a hold on people more powerful than drugs, sex, power, relationships, or influence.

Jesus cut to the very core of one man who appeared to be genuinely looking for eternal life. The man knew about obedience and works. But the one thing he didn't know was his own heart.

Jesus put his finger on the controlling issue in this man's heart?his great wealth. The seeker's wealth held him in a grip so strong that even a personal invitation to eternal life from the lips of our Lord himself could not unloose the golden bonds.

Will it be impossible for rich people to enter the kingdom? Absolutely not! Why will it be terribly difficult? The strength of wealth's hold on the human heart is incalculable. Only God can relax wealth's grip. And just because you might not be wealthy, don't think today's verse does not apply to you. The love of money?not its possession?is the root of all evil. Put love of God and his kingdom first. Only then will wealth?or the lack of it?cease to be an eternal issue in your life.