

## Jesus: No Spin

### Matthew Chapter Nineteen: Family Matters

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***"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).***

The presence of the kingdom of heaven is not just a theory, but a way to live. It is an example of how God can impact our world through us in our family relationships! Jesus knows that His time to teach His disciples is drawing to an end. He is teaching them to obey everything He commanded.

#### Introduction.

The theme of this chapter is that what you really are – what you really believe – comes out of your heart. When your heart is changed by Christ, you can't help but change the world one relationship at a time!

#### Read.

### Matthew 19

1When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. 2Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

3Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"

4"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' 5and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? 6So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

7"Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"

8Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. 9I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery."

10The disciples said to him, "If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry."

11Jesus replied, "Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. 12For some are eunuchs because they were born that way; others were made that way by men; and others have renounced marriage because of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it."

13Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them.

14Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

15When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

16Now a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?"

17"Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, obey the commandments."

18"Which ones?" the man inquired.

Jesus replied, " 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, 19honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'"

20"All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?"

21 Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

22 When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, 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."

25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?"

26 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

27 Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?"

28 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first."

*\*All scripture taken from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted.*

## Questions.

This chapter is all about relationships. Jesus' teaches on marriage, children and finances. Marriage is a bond made by God, not to be taken lightly. Children are entrusted to parents to raise for God's glory. Money should be a tool to use, not a master that keeps you from God.

### ThinkAboutIt...

1. In an ideal world what would marriage/family look like?
2. Must a person be poor to get into heaven?

### ReflectOnIt...

3. See Matthew 5:31. What does Jesus say? What is God's ideal for marriage?
4. When does Jesus say divorce is ever permitted?
5. What do Jesus' disciples conclude about marriage?
6. Why did the disciples try to send the children away?
7. Does Jesus think children are insignificant or a waste of His time? What does Jesus say about the children?
8. Who or what has control of the rich young ruler's heart?
9. What did Jesus teach about the heart? (See Matthew 12:35 and Luke 6:35).
10. Read 1 Samuel 16:7 and 1 Chronicles 28:9. What does God look at?

### RespondToIt...

11. What rules your heart and how does that affect your relationships?