

Instruction Over Entering the Kingdom

**M. Instructions on entrance into the Kingdom –
Matthew 19:13-20:16, Mark 10:13-31, Luke
18:15-30**

1. Mark 10:13a – Having just heard Jesus' teaching on the sanctity of marriage, many brought their children to Him so He could pray for them. Matthew 19:13a

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- a. Mark 10:13b-14a – The disciples tried to keep the children from coming to Jesus, who used two commands (*permit, do not hinder*) to show His displeasure and then used it as a teaching moment.
- b. Mark 10:14b – A child's simple faith and dependent character are the qualities that gain entrance into the Kingdom.

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- c. Mark 10:15 – Jesus taught that a child’s willingness to depend on someone else for its needs shows the humility needed to gain salvation.
- d. Mark 10:16 – Jesus compassionately bestowed a blessing on the children in the same way a rabbi would.

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2. Matthew 19:16 – The rich young man's question showed his false belief that he could do something good to gain entrance into eternal life.
 - a. Matthew 19:17 – Jesus' answer implied that since the rich man thought he could do good to earn God's favor, he did not understand goodness.

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- b. Matthew 19:18-20 – The proud rich ruler claimed to have obeyed these commandments in his relationships with men but realized he still lacked something he needed to enter the Kingdom.

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- c. Matthew 19:21 – Jesus was not teaching a works salvation but showing that this man's faith was in his wealth. His money and possessions kept him from having simple, childlike faith in the Lord. He needed to change his mind (repent) about wealth as his idol and believe the salvation message about Jesus as Messiah.

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- d. Matthew 19:22 – The man's grief at the Lord's words showed he depended on his wealth more than on Jesus' grace offer.