

Mark 10:13 - 27 TRAINING of the Twelve : Demographics

13 And they were bringing children to Him so that He might

Why the rebuke?
Because children could bring nothing to the cause..

touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when

Why indignant?
Because anyone can approach Him when they come as children.

Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit

the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the

kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 Truly I say to

you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a

"I only receive children."

child will not enter it at all." 16 And He took them in His arms

and began blessing them, laying His hands on them.

And here is one that everyone wants.

17 As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him

and knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what

Everything about the young man is positive.

shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 And Jesus said to

But he is self-righteous. The very opposite of a child.

him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God

alone. 19 You know the commandments, 'DO NOT MURDER, DO

Jesus looks a God's nature. Only God is good.

NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS,

Do not defraud, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.'" 20 And he

Then He looks at God's law and righteousness

said to Him, "Teacher, I have kept all these things from my

as he evaluates himself he is blameless..

youth up." 21 Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and

said to him, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess

Jesus then looks at the true spirit of law

and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven;

and come, follow Me." 22 But at these words he was

The love of God of man. and none coveting toward life.

at this time wealth equaled righteousness...

saddened, and he went away grieving, for he was one who

he would have to lose all...

owned much property.

Another intimate conversation

23 And Jesus, looking around, said to His disciples, "How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the

because their wealth was their righteousness

kingdom of God!" 24 The disciples were amazed at His words.

But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how

hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 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." 26 They were even more

astonished and said to Him, "Then who can be

saved?" 27 Looking at them, Jesus said, "With people it is

impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with

God."

Because if the rich, the righteous could not make it then who could?

i.e. "impossible" a camel was the largest of the unclean beasts.

only God's grace can save

Lesson: Don't look to fill your church with the great. Look for the children.