
❖ **SERMON NOTES** ❖

Sunday, July 9, 2017

“FOLLOW: OVERCOMING SUCCESS”

(Matthew 19:16-26)

In our city, one of the greatest barriers to following Jesus is our success. Most people don't think they need God for a Savior. Today we look at the promising but ultimately disappointing story of a man who wanted to follow Jesus but walked away instead. Jesus defines “following”. What does it require to follow Him?

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9, ESV).

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Matthew 6:24, ESV).

“As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful” (Matthew 13:22, ESV).

“But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs” (1 Timothy 6:9-10, ESV).

“As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life” (1 Timothy 6:17-19, ESV).

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“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23, ESV).

“For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it” (James 2:10, ESV).

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‘What must we do, to be doing the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent’” (John 6:28-29, ESV).

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