

PBC Growing in Christ

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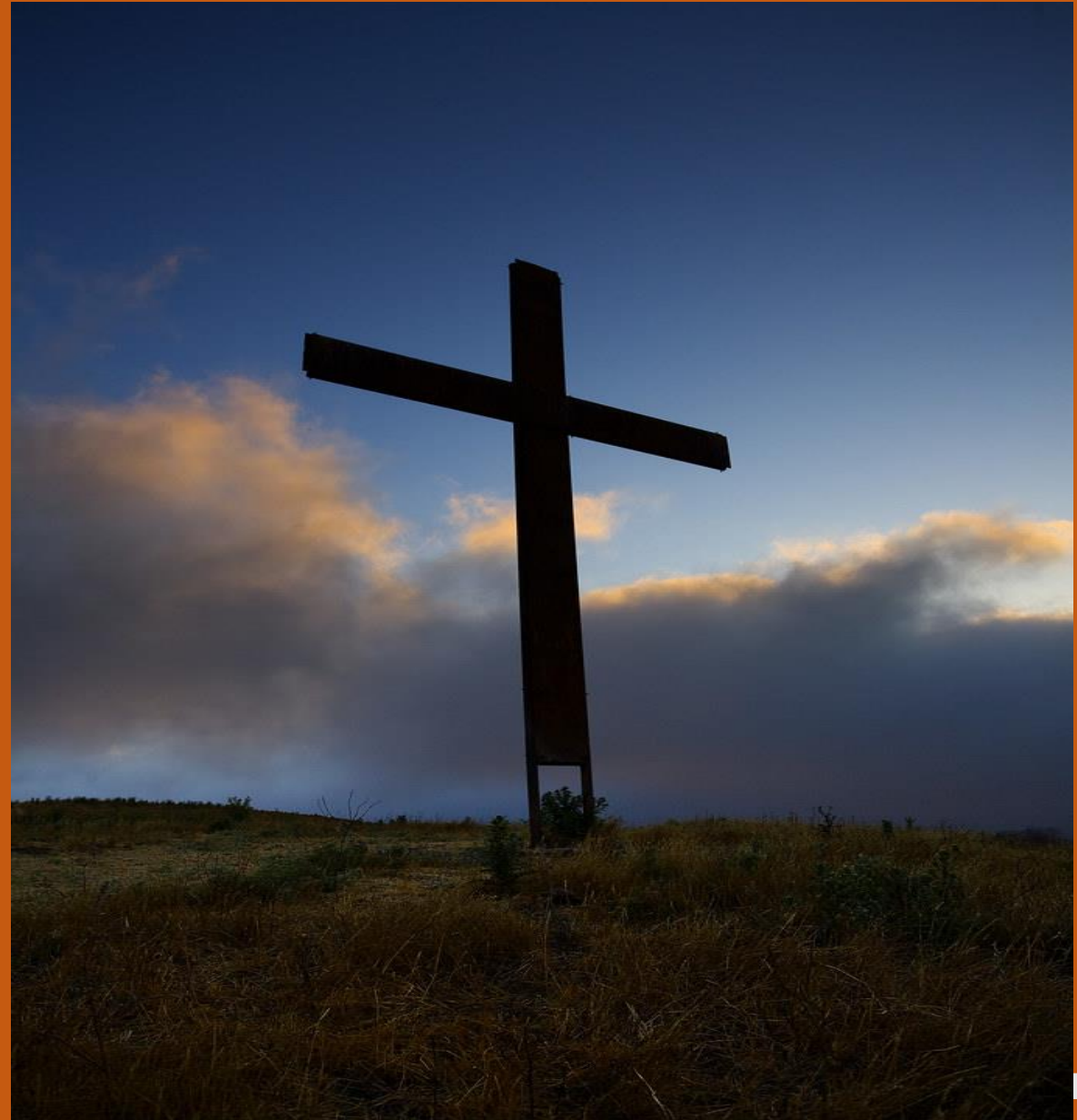
Class Norms

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a field of tall grass. The background is a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with a gradient from deep blue to orange and yellow near the horizon. The cross is the central focus, with its vertical post and two horizontal arms. The lighting is low, creating a silhouette effect for the cross against the bright sky.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

Growing in Christ

- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



Growing in Christ

To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)





Our Commitment to Christ

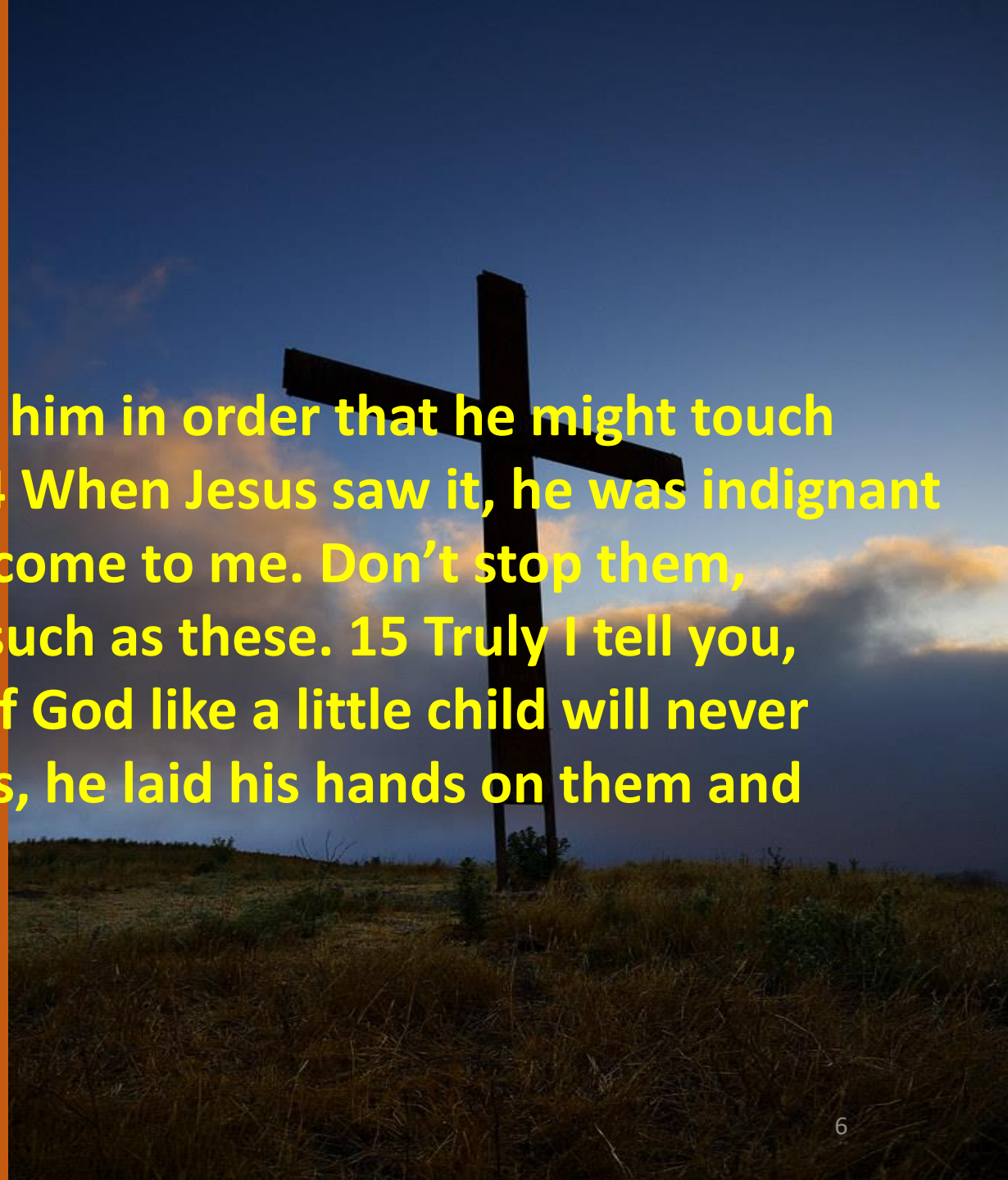
Mark 10:13-22

**What's something you've
really enjoyed being
committed to?**

Scripture

Mark 10:13-16

13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. **14** When Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me. Don’t stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. **15** Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” **16** After taking them in his arms, he laid his hands on them and blessed them.





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Mark 10:13-16

What was Jesus telling us about the kingdom of God when He said it belongs to people like the little children?

What are some characteristics of childlike commitment?



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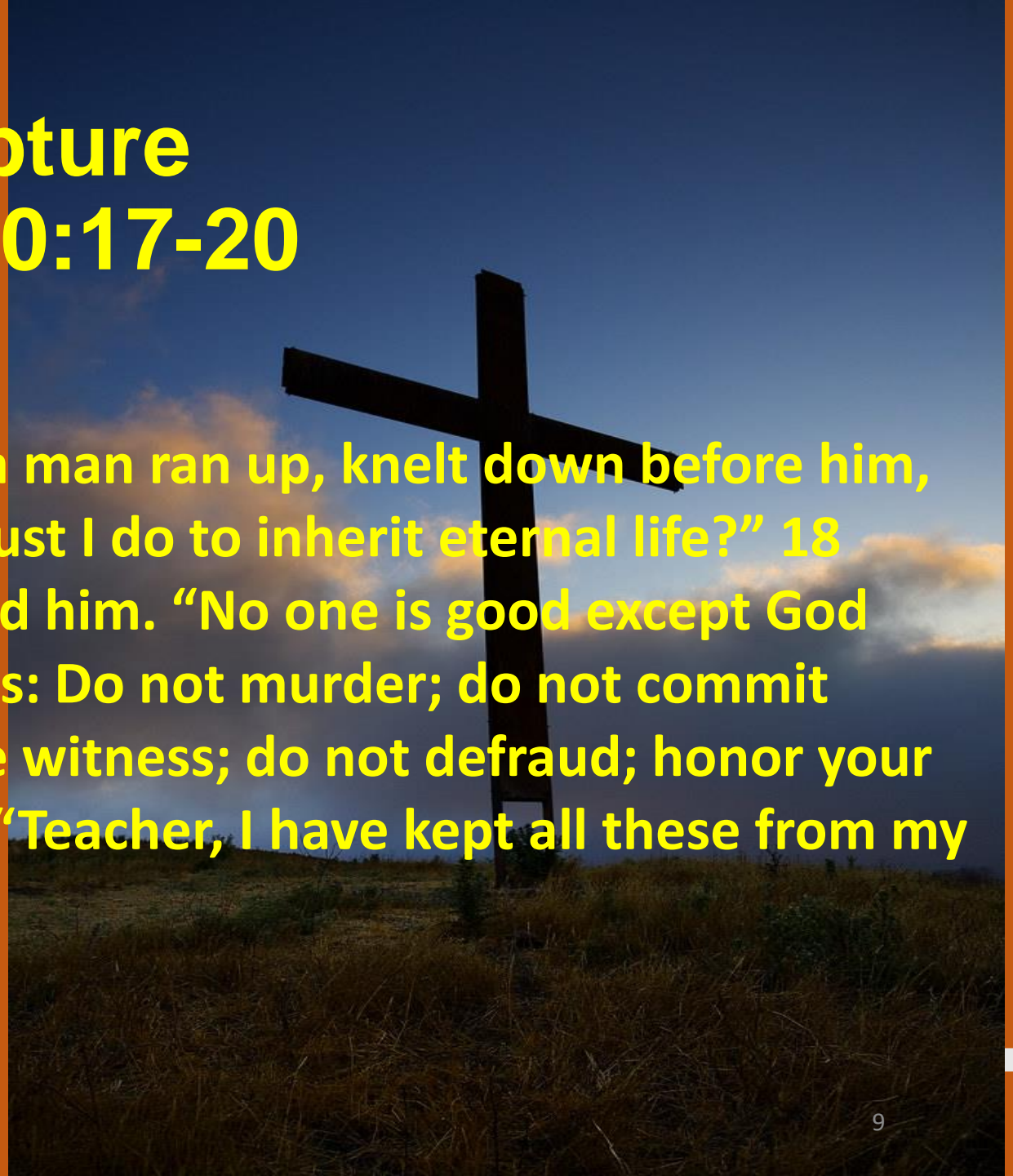
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- Jesus gave us a tangible picture of what commitment and obedience to Him looks like.
- Total commitment to Christ is demonstrated when we place childlike trust in Him

Scripture

Mark 10:17-20

17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 18 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked him. “No one is good except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: Do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not bear false witness; do not defraud; honor your father and mother.” 20 He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these from my youth.”





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Mark 10:17-20

How would you answer the man's question?

Why was this man's obedience not enough?



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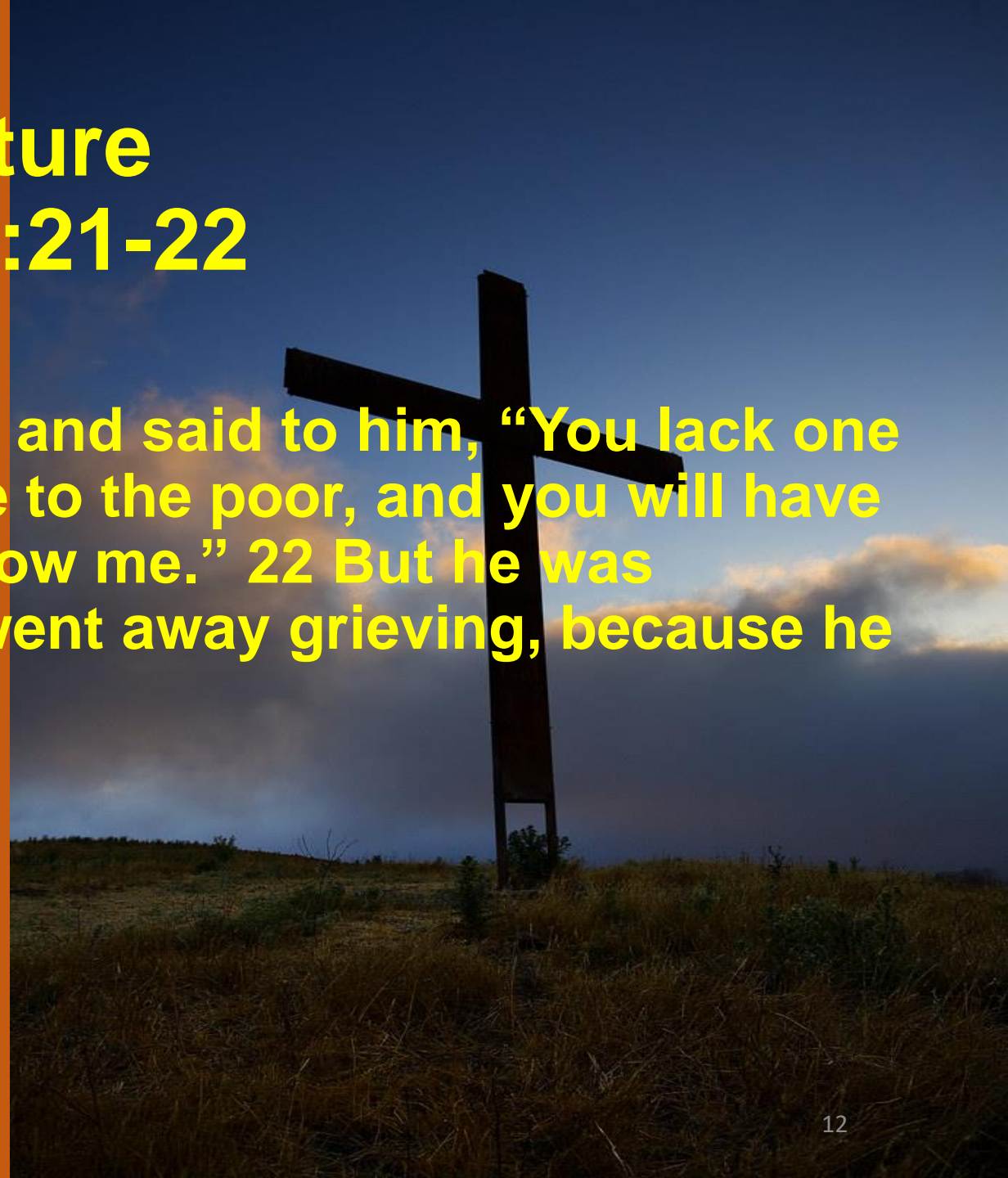
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- When we strive to be obedient, we demonstrate complete commitment to Christ.
- The man missed the spiritual helplessness in the commandments.
- His spiritual blindness had led him to believe he hadn't broken any of the Commandments.

Scripture

Mark 10:21-22

21 Looking at him, Jesus loved him and said to him, “You lack one thing: Go, sell all you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” 22 But he was dismayed by this demand, and he went away grieving, because he had many possessions.





Our Commitment to Christ

Mark 10:21-22

What types of things keep people today from a total commitment to Jesus?”

What can help us remove anything that is taking Jesus' place in our lives?



Our Commitment to Christ

Mark 10:21-22

- The young man heard an answer to his question, but it wasn't the answer he wanted or expected.
- The evidence of our salvation is that we will have hearts fully committed to the heavenly Father we love so much.



GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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- **Trust and obey.** If you've been trying to be good and moral in order to gain a good standing with God, acknowledge the futility of it. Trust Christ and be obedient to His Word as a response to His grace in your life.
- **Get rid of competition.** Is there anything you desire more than Jesus? Whatever it is in your life that rivals your love for God, give it away. Sell the golf clubs or gym equipment. Do whatever it takes. No one can serve two masters (see Matthew 6:24).
- **Step up and step out.** Choose one thing you've felt God leading you to get involved in that you haven't previously done and commit to it. It might be leading a Bible study in your home, going on a mission trip, signing up to serve at a local ministry. Following Jesus into the uncomfortable will stretch and grow your commitment and faith in Him.



Final thoughts about Christ's Commitment to Us

- Like little children are helpless individuals who have no choice but to depend on someone else for everything they need. Therefore, we have no choice but to trust God to provide our needs.
- God wants us to get worldly things like money off the throne of our hearts and place Jesus has first place in our hearts.
- Committed hearts don't grant us entrance into the kingdom of God. Rather, committed hearts are the proof that we've already been granted access to the kingdom of God.

Final thoughts about Christ's Commitment to Us

We are going love the hell out
you!



Resources

BIBLE-Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth

[Bible.com](https://www.bible.com)





**Next Week: August 30, 2020
Committed to His Word**

**God's Word gives trustworthy
guidance for all of life.**

Psalm 119:1-11

**What advice would you
include if you wrote a how-to
book on growing older?**



God Bless You!

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