

# Money Matters 101

## Quarterly Study

### PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE FOR STUDY 9

## **Give It All to Jesus**

*This is the most important ingredient for living a life that counts.*

All of us have time, money, and talents. And all of us have something that could potentially cause us to walk away from Jesus and become deprived of a life that counts. The purpose of this study is to warn about the danger of holding back our resources from Jesus. Jesus offers us a life that counts, now and forever; all we have to do is let go of what we want and put our resources in his hands.

#### **Lesson# 9**

#### **Scripture:**

Mark 10:17-31

#### **Based on:**

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## PART 1

**Identify the Current Issue**

Bryan Wilkerson shared this story in his sermon “Sad Man Walking”:

I was out for a run a week ago or so. It was one of the first warm days after the big snow. As I made my way through one of the neighborhoods, I came upon an older gentleman out for a walk. He was walking toward me, very slowly. As I got closer, I noticed that one leg didn't work too well, and he was leaning pretty heavily on a cane in his hands. Every few steps he had to pause and catch his breath. As I passed him I noticed the emblem of a naval ship on his hat, so I guessed he was a veteran.

On my way back a little later I passed him again, this time as he was shuffling into his driveway. But he paused for a moment at the edge of the street, and began poking at the snow bank with his cane. When I got close I could see he was trying to free some low-lying branches that had been buried by the passing plow. He wasn't very steady without his cane to lean on, and it took considerable effort to beat back the heavy, wet snow. I could tell it was going to take him a while. What struck me about the whole thing was that it wasn't enough for this gentleman to take a walk on a balmy February day. He had to do something, solve a problem; he had to make the world, or at least his yard, a better place. He wasn't just out for a walk that afternoon; he was on a mission. He wanted to walk in the door of the house feeling like he had accomplished something.

And isn't that how it is for all of us as we make our way through this world? We want to do more than just get some fresh air and enjoy the scenery. We want to do something. We want to make a difference. We want someone, or something, to be better off because we passed this way. When we come to the end of our days, we want to have something to show for them. We want our lives to count. Christians want to make an impact that counts for eternity.

## PART 2

**Discover the Eternal Principles****Teaching point one: We must redefine success.**

**[Q]** With which statement do you find yourself agreeing most:

- 1) Success means being well off financially.
- 2) Success means having a happy family.
- 3) Success means following Jesus throughout my life.
- 4) Success means living a perfect life.

**Teaching point two: Determine what is holding you back from Jesus' definition of success.**

**Teaching point three: Jesus promises a hundredfold reward for those who will give up their lives for him.**

**PART 3****Apply Your Findings**

*The Atlantic Monthly* (March 2001) had this to say in their article “The Hollywood Forever Way of Death”:

Tombstones are getting updated, at least in Hollywood. At Hollywood Forever, a 64-acre cemetery next to Paramount Studios, they produce multimedia narratives that can be viewed on videocassette or a computer. The narratives feature still-photographs of the deceased, interviews with friends, and film clips. A visitor can see the mini-biographies of Rudolph Valentino, Cecil B. DeMille, Douglas Fairbanks, and 1,500 others buried there. The owners want to begin producing these multimedia narratives not just for Hollywood stars, but for anyone buried there.

A visit to any cemetery shows how desperate we are to be remembered after our deaths. But the memorials we can leave in this life are nothing compared to the glory that awaits Christians in the next.

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