



**Upside-down Kingdom:
'the last shall be first'**

'Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' (Matthew 19:13-14)

'Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, 'Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?' (Matthew 19:16)

'When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, 'Who then can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.' (Matthew 19:25-26)



Kingdom Salvation

'All these I have kept,' the young man said. 'What do I still lack?' Jesus answered, 'If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.' When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.' (Matthew 19:20-22)



‘Peter answered him, ‘We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?’...Jesus said to them, everyone who has left houses or [family] or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.’
(Matthew 19:27, 29)

‘Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.’
(Matthew 16:24-25)

‘God’s plan is not to display His glory through Christians who have higher standards of living than the rest of the world; rather, God’s plan is to spread His glory through the radical sacrifice of our lives for the rest of the world.’
(Christ-Centred Exposition Commentary)

