

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK
Mark 10: 1- 27
“HARD HEARTS CAUSE HEARTACHES”

Every one of us should look forward to learning something each day that would enrich our lives and bless others. Some people have difficulty learning, not because of lack of intelligence, but because of spiritual heart trouble. When we refuse to open our hearts to learn from God, we will be the cause of many heartaches.

WHAT IS A HARDENED HEART? (Exodus 4:21; 8: 15; 8: 32)

I. KEEP YOUR HEART TENDER IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

Mark 10:1-12(NKJV)

¹Then He arose from there and came to the region of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And multitudes gathered to Him again, and as He was accustomed, He taught them again. ²The Pharisees came and asked Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce *his* wife?" testing Him. ³And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses permitted *a man* to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss *her*." ⁵And Jesus answered and said to them, "Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. ⁶But from the beginning of the creation, God '*made them male and female.*' ⁷'*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,* ⁸*and the two shall become one flesh*'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." ¹⁰In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same *matter*. ¹¹So He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. ¹²And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

- A. Divorce aborts the work of God in the lives of individuals (Deut. 24:1-4)
- B. God permitted divorce because human beings are hard hearted
- C. Men and women are different by design.

II. KEEP YOU HEART TENDER TOWARDS THE CHILDREN

¹³Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought *them*. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw *it*, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." ¹⁶And He took them up in His arms, put *His* hands on them, and blessed them.

- A. God uses children to teach us great spiritual lessons such as:

TRUST.....SIMPLICITY.....FAITH.....FORGIVENESS

III. KEEP YOUR HEART TENDER TOWARDS YOUR POSSESSIONS

¹⁷ Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: '*Do not commit adultery,*' '*Do not murder,*' '*Do not steal,*' '*Do not bear false witness,*' '*Do not defraud,*' '*Honor your father and your mother.*' " ²⁰ And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth." ²¹ Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." ²² But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. ²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches 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 And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?" ²⁷ But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men *it is* impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

- A. Our bank account does not determine our importance before God
- B. Keep your heart open for the Lord to do the impossible in your life!

IF YOUR HEART IS HARD, LET THE WORD OF GOD BREAK IT!

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