

Things that Matter Matthew 19

I. Marriage & Singleness – 19:1-12

1. Jesus departs from Galilee – 1-2
Begins to move into Judea, toward Jerusalem
He is still on the other side of Jordan River
Great multitude follows – seeks healing
2. Pharisees come testing Him – 3
Still looking for charges against Him
3. Issue is on marriage & divorce – 3-9
What is legal cause for divorce? – 3
Passage in the Law – Deuteronomy 24:1
Some took that to mean “any cause”
God’s plan is faithful commitment – 4-6
God made one male & one female
They are joined together as “one flesh”
Don’t separate what God has joined
Why did God provide for divorce in law – 7-8
Hardness of man’s heart – Knowing he will rebel
To protect and provide for the divorced wife
Jesus gives His word on the issue – 9
Marriage commitment is to be honored
Sexual unfaithfulness violates this commitment
4. Disciples: “Not good to marry” – 10-12
This is a valid choice but not for all – 11
It requires chastity – sexual abstinence - 12

II. Value of Children – 19:13-15

Children are part of God’s creative plan

1. People were bringing children to Jesus – 13
Sought prayer & His blessing for them
Disciples saw an annoyance & rebuked them
2. Jesus allowed them to come – 14-15
They have value as a part of His kingdom
He put His hands on them to bless them

III. Eternal vs. Earthly Values – 16-30

1. Man came seeking eternal life -16
This is a good desire & seeks “good” teacher
2. Questioned his view of Jesus - 17
Only God is truly good
Do you believe that Jesus is God?
3. What does the law require – 17-20
Man asks which commandment
Jesus gives a brief summary
4. Man says “I have done it?” – 20
“What do I lack?”
5. If you truly want to be perfect – 21
Sell what you have & give to the poor
The poor are your neighbors
Jesus said “Come and follow me”
6. Man went away in sorrow – 22

He had great riches

Seems to lack also in covetousness

7. Jesus uses this to teach disciples – 23-26
Riches can be a hindrance spiritually
Can trust in possessions rather than God
Disciples’ response indicates a common problem
Jesus said “With God all things are possible
8. Peter wants reassurance – 27
“We have forsaken all & followed you”
We have done what rich man wouldn’t do
“What shall we have in eternity – note v. 21
9. Reassures him of compensation – 28-29
Rule with Christ in eternity – 28
12 disciples sit on thrones over Israel
Compensated 100 times over - 29
Shall inherit everlasting life -29
10. Our values are not God’s – 30
Some we may put first may not be
And some we rank last may be first

