



Sun., Mar 4th: Mark 9:30-50

"Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." Mark 9:35 Name one specific person you serve today, be creative in the way you invest in others.

Life Application Notes v43: "Jesus used startling language to stress the importance of cutting sin out of our lives. Painful discipline is required of his true followers. Giving up a relationship, job, or habit that is against God's will may seem just as painful as cutting off a hand. Our high goal, however, is worth any sacrifice; Christ is worth any possible loss. Nothing should stand in the way of faith. We must be ruthless in removing sins from our lives. Make your choices from an eternal perspective."

Mon., Mar 5th: Mark 10:1-31

This passage speaks to multiple important values for Christians today including our view of marriage, our view of children and our view of money. If you are married setup a date this week with your spouse. If you are single setup a fun activity with your closest friends. If you are a parent spend 30 minutes doing something special with your child. We are wired for relationships. It's important that no matter what season we are in we invest in those closest to us. If you need some encouragement in one of these areas check out the RightNow Media C3 favorites channels on marriage/singleness, parenting & money. Email alicia@c3hays.com if you don't have a RNM account setup.

Tues., Mar 6th: Mark 10:32-52

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45 NIV

How are you serving those around you. We see this passage mirror the one two days ago, often times important things are repeated for us to help them stick. Are you called to serve in your work place? Check out the work as worship videos on RNM. Are you called to serve in the church? There are multiple different ways to get involved. Email alicia@c3hays.com if you would like more information about what that could look like. We would love to sit down over coffee and discuss that. Don't let fear stop you from following what God is calling you to do.

Wed., Mar 7th: Mark 11:1-19

Life Application Notes v11-21: "In this passage, two unusual incidents are related: the cursing of the fig tree and the clearing of the temple. The cursing of the fig tree and the clearing of the temple. The cursing of the fig tree was an acted-out parable related to the clearing of the temple. The temple was supposed to be a place of worship, but true worship had disappeared. The fig tree showed promise of fruit, but it produced none. Jesus was showing his anger at religious life without substance. If you claim to have faith without putting it to work in your life, you are like the barren fig tree. Genuine faith has great potential; ask God to help you bear fruit for his kingdom."

Thurs., Mar. 8th: Mark 11:20-33

Life Application Notes: "The kind of prayer that moves mountains is prayer for the fruitfulness of God's kingdom. It would seem impossible to move a mountain into the sea, so Jesus used that picture to say that God can do anything. God will answer your prayers, but not as a result of your positive mental attitude. To pray effectively, you need faith in God, not faith in the object of your request. If you focus only on your request, you will be left with nothing if your request is refused. Jesus, our example for prayer, prayed "Everything is possible for you...Yet not what I will, but what you will" (14:36). Our prayers are often motivated by our own interests and desires. We like to hear that we can have anything. But Jesus prayed with God's interests in mind. When we pray, we should express our desires, but want his above ours. Check yourself to see if your prayers focus on yourself or on God."

Fri., Mar. 9th: Mark 12:1-27

Questions from the Serendipity Bible: "What was dangerous about the trap that the Pharisees tried to create by asking Jesus about taxes? What did Jesus mean when he said, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's" (v17). What if Jesus had just said yes? If he had said no? What do you give to Caesar, what do you give to God? What prevents you from giving to God what is God's?"

Do you have questions about what the Bible says about money? Check out the RightNow Media study Life, Money & Hope by Dave Ramsey as he looks to Scripture to discuss several critical issues about personal finances.

Sat., Mar. 10th: Mark 12:28-44

Chapters eleven and twelve describe multiple events where religious and political leaders try to discredit and trap Jesus. Warren Wiersbe's commentary describes these a questions of authority, a question of responsibility, a question of eternity, a question of priority and a question of identity. Although their motive was to derail Jesus the basis of these questions create a lot for us to chew on. What authority do we give Jesus in our life? What responsibility do we have to follow Him daily? What decisions do we need to make based on eternity? What priority are we actually giving to seeking and obeying Him? What are we placing our identity on?