

The Horizontal Man.

Mathew 19:16-26



God's ways are far above man's ways and the way He sees things is far different than the way we see things. The Bible says; "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good". Question: understanding that God is so far above us; what does He consider... Good?

Jesus encountered a young man who wanted to get to heaven and he asked what good thing must he do to get there. Jesus responded that he must begin by keeping the last six of the Ten Commandments.

If we look closely we see that the and the last six commandments have to do with our relationships with men, while first four commandments have to do with our relationship with God. The last six are Horizontal. The first four are Vertical.

Christian, your life in Christ is to be a balance between your Vertical life and your Horizontal. It's been said that we can be "so heavenly-minded that we are no earthly good." It's also true that we can be so worldly-minded that we are not heavenly-bound.

The rich young ruler that the Lord encountered in the market place was heavy-laden. His stuff was first... and God was not. His response to the Lord revealed his self-righteousness and self-righteousness is wholly horizontal. Ask God to reveal your horizontal short-coming and to help you live a life in this world that honors Him and brings credibility to His church. Live a good Horizontal and a good Vertical life.

Blessings, Pastor Gene