

**Series: Starting Line**  
**Message: The Right Focus**

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**March 3, 2024**

Mark 10:17-52

A focus on possessions.

What the Bible says about Money:

**Do:** Work hard. Give Back to God. Spend. Save. Invest.  
Give Generously.

**Don't:** Love money. Put hope in it. Be enslaved by it.

A focus on position.

A right focus.

***My response: In light of what I have learned today, what do I need to do to obey God?***

**Life Group Questions**  
**Digging Deeper: Mark 10.**

*This week's message talked about a wrong focus possessions that can cause them to become "idols" in our life but it does not mean to diminish our pursuit of success. In fact, our drive to be successful is part of how God has made us.*

*How do the following passages reinforce this reality and who did Jesus say he is?*

- Proverbs 14:23-24
- Ecclesiastes 10:10
- Colossians 3:23-24
- Ephesians 2:10

*The blind sometimes have uncanny "sight," and the deaf sometimes "hear" what others miss. Spiritual insight and alertness arise from the heart rather than from status or position.*

What are some spiritual truths that God has allowed you to see and hear? Give thanks for what you know of Him.

Read Mark 10:32-52.

*In this passage Mark seems to delight in the irony of a blind man who perceives what the sighted cannot see. In verses 32-34 Jesus predicts his death for a third time. Compare this prediction with the previous two (8:31; 9:31). What do you observe?*

Given what Jesus had just said, what is ironic about James and John's request? What seems to be their motivation? Why do you suppose Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he wanted him to do for him?

*Once Jesus heals him, Bartimaeus sets out to follow Jesus along the road to Jerusalem.*

What might it mean for Bartimaeus to be on this road with Jesus? What has Bartimaeus seen that the disciples have not?