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Also Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30

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No “one thing” (Mk. 10:21) can take precedence over the Lord & His Cause!

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A love for riches & what they do (Mk. 10:24-25) draws one from Christ.

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a. “In the regeneration”

→ Time when people are “born again”

(Tit. 3:5; Jno. 3:3-5)

b. “When the Son of Man shall sit on the throne of His glory”

→ Christ reigns at God’s right hand (Acts 2:29-36)

c. “Ye also shall sit upon 12 thrones, judging the 12 tribes of Israel”

→ Apostles would occupy positions of authority in the Church (I Cor. 5:3; Luke 10:16; Gal. 6:16; 1:1-2)

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--3 ways necessities are provided:

a. Individual work (II Thess. 3:10; Eph. 4:28)

b. Family (I Tim. 5:3-16)

c. Church (I Tim. 5:16; Acts 2, 4, 6, 11, others)

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“Brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or children...”(19:29)

(I Cor. 4:15-17; Rom. 16:13; Judges 5:7)

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