Wealth & The Kingdom of Heaven

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Main Thing: Life in God's kingdom is _____more than you can ever imagine.

1. Kingdom living is never _____.

Matthew 19:16-20 – Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" 17 "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments."

18 "Which ones?" he inquired. Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, 19 honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'" 20 "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?"

Isaiah 55:1 "Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

2. Kingdom living is worth _____ everything!

Matthew 19:21 – Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.

Matthew 13:44 – "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."

3. Kingdom living has no room for _____.

Matthew 19:22 – "When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth."

4. Kingdom living is difficult for the _____.

Matthew 19:23-24 – Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

5. Kingdom living calls us to invest our _____ _____ now.

Matthew 19:25-30 – When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?" 26 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." 27 Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?"

28 Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

3 Basic Principles of Giving:

1. Start with giving a _____ and grow from there.
2. Give _____.
   (D*o your givin' while your livin', so you're knowin' where it's goin'* – Ron Blue)
3. God prospers me not to raise my standard of _____,

   but to raise my standard of _____.
   (Treasure Principle Key #6, Randy Alcorn).

"It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased." (*The Weight of Glory*, C.S. Lewis)