

Will You Pay the Price? Mark 10:17-22

There Is Always A Cost!

There is a price we pay for everything worthwhile
We can't pay what we want for things we buy in stores
There are prices we pay in the Spiritual realm
The rich man in our text was not willing to pay the price
We can't expect something for nothing TANSTAAFL (There ain't no such thing as a free lunch)

The Price For Friends

Proverbs 18:24; Philippians 2:3-4; Matthew 7:12

The Price For Greatness

Service - not office or position, one must be willing to serve - **Matthew 20:26-28; 18:4; Proverbs 16:18**

The Price For Knowledge

Acts 17:11

The apostles were guided by divine inspiration - **John 14:26**
We are not: we must study to gain knowledge - **2Timothy 2:15; 2Peter 1:10**

The Price For Pardon

Do God's will instead of ours - no bargaining with God - **Romans 1:16-17**
Pardon only comes to the one willing to pay the price
Many are unwilling to give up their own will and do God's will to have forgiveness of sins. Is giving up our will in order to have forgiveness, too much to ask?

The Price Of Spiritual Strength

All athletes know the price of physical strength - **1Corinthians 9:24-27**

Parallel between physical and spiritual strength

Must have the right kind of food

An athlete in training is told what to eat to stay in good shape

Christians are told what kind of food to eat - **1Peter 2:2; Hebrews 5:12-14**

Christians also have leaders directing feeding program - **Acts 20:28**

Must be free from disease

We go to the doctor to get rid of disease

We want the best that money can buy

We can die of spiritual disease (sin) - **John 8:24**

We must go to the right source to get rid of spiritual disease - **Acts 8:22; Matthew 9:11-12**

Must have the proper exercise

Good athletes exercise daily

Distance runners run from 80 to 100 miles a week

Christians must exercise on a regular basis - **1Timothy 4:7-8**

Takes time to be a good sound Christian - **Hebrews 5:12**

When others ask us to do something for the cause of Christ, they are doing this for our good

The Price Of Heaven

We must 'live in Christ' - **Philippians 1:21-23; John 15:5-11; 8:31-32; Revelation 2:10; 14:13**

Pay The Price!

We can have Heaven at expense of the world or we can have the world at expense of Heaven
Have you met the requirements for forgiveness of sins?
Christ has made the supreme sacrifice (made the down payment) now we must do what God expects of us as the balance of payment