

SHOCK AND AWE

Mark 10:23-31

Trying to _____

Reset the _____

Away from _____ and _____

The God who is _____

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

If you do an internet search for the term “Bible and Money” you are likely to get a few things that come back to you. More than a few things. You might find lists about money passages in the Bible, or perhaps lists with 5 to 20 various principles about Money from the Bible. You’ll find people who argue over the passages about money, people who want to profit over some very specific interpretations about money, people who want you to abandon money. It’s all over the place. Forgive the poor humble preacher who has to talk about money in a sea of people who already have made up their own minds about it. Go ahead and reread Mark 10:17-31.

Reflect:

What has your relationship to money and/or prosperity been?

Where is this text shocking to you?

I rattled off a list of interpretations that Sarah Hinlicky Wilson put forth – is there a place where you already had one of these interpretations? Do the others challenge you? Why or why not?

Respond:

If Jesus is, perhaps, calling us to himself – why does this one thing (as either a vice or a virtue) often become a stumbling block to us?

Remember:

“But many who are first will be last, and the last first.” Mark 10:31