

Winning Relationships, Part 3 "Confronting Our Insecurity" The State of the Church Address

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Security is the degree of protection we have against danger, injury, or loss.

Mark 10:17-22 NIV

17 As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

18 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good — except God alone.

19 You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

20 "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

22 At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

1 – SELFISHNESS.

2 – FEAR.

3 – FAILURE.

4 – IGNORANCE.

5 – APATHY.

Romans 5:6-8 NIV

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Psalms 37:5 NIV

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:

2 Timothy 1:12 NIV

I am not ashamed [of my suffering], because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

James 1:6-8 NIV

But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

Mark 10:23-31 NIV

*23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"
24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!*

*25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."
26 The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"*

*27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."
28 Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!"*

*29 "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel
30 will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields — and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life.
31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first."*

Hebrews 11:6 NIV

Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Matthew 10:38-39 NIV

Anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

How can I address my commitment issues?

- Admit them. Confess them. Stop trying to hide them. Confess your sin openly and permit the Lord to bring forgiveness and healing into your life.
- Stop blaming others. Accept total responsibility for your part in the failures without requiring others to admit theirs.
- Pray. And pray some more. Seek God's forgiveness, others' forgiveness, and your own forgiveness.
- Make restitution. Come clean and own-up to your responsibility.
- Begin to act in accordance with your commitment desires.
- Let them go. God forgives you. Forgive yourself. And do not permit the Enemy to bring it up again. If he does, resist him with prayer and the Word of God.

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