

Today, we’d like to see the title of “To Serve” in the book of Mark 10:17-52

To Online Word’s people on the earth, we’d like to suggest 3 Questions.

Q1. In verse 21, “Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me,” what does Jesus ultimately ask the rich young ruler? Which thing do we love? And can we examine our heart to love God more than that?

Q2. In verse 45, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many,” what method and motive are our ministries?

Q3. In verse 52, “Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road,” how could we know his faith?

**(Background)**

Jesus is on His way towards Jerusalem to be crucified.

(Mark 10:15-16) “Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” <sup>16</sup> And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.” (Jesus pointed out the humble heart of a little child. We should do so.)

(17-31) Rich Young Ruler’s heart

(32-34) Jesus’ teaching the 4<sup>th</sup> time His death and resurrection

(35-45) Greatness in serving

(46-52) Blind beggar’s heart

**(Text)**

<p><sup>17</sup> Now as He was going out on the road, <u>one</u> came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “<u>Good Teacher</u>, what shall I do that I may inherit <u>eternal life</u>?”</p>	<p>(17-31) Rich Young Ruler’s heart  <sup>17</sup>= one (young, rich <sup>1</sup>Mat 19:22, &amp; ruler <sup>2</sup>Luke 18:18); Good Teacher (Jesus was known as a good teacher or Rabbi by this young man); eternal life (salvation; why did he ask for the eternal life? Once you achieve certain goals on the earth, you feel emptiness – here this man achieved richness &amp; political power, which were temporal <sup>3</sup>Eccl 1:2-3)</p>
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<sup>1</sup> Mat 19:22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

<sup>2</sup> Luke 18:18 Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>3</sup> Eccl 1:2-3 “Vanity of vanities,” says the Preacher; “Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.” <sup>3</sup>What profit has a man from all his labor in which he toils under the sun?

<p>18 So Jesus said to him, "<u>Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.</u></p> <p>19 You know <u>the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'</u>"</p> <p>20 And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, <u>all these things I have kept from my youth.</u>"</p> <p>21 Then Jesus, <u>looking at him, loved him,</u> and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, <u>sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.</u>"</p> <p>22 But he was sad at this word, and <u>went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.</u></p> <p>23 Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for <u>those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!</u>" 24 And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "<u>Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God!</u></p>	<p>18= Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. (Don't you know Me, the One, that is, God? Jesus awakened him to know that Jesus is God.)</p> <p>19= the commandments (6 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> table of stone - of 10 commandments in <i>Exodus 20</i>); Do not commit adultery (7<sup>th</sup>); Do not murder (6<sup>th</sup>); Do not steal (8<sup>th</sup>); Do not bear false witness (9<sup>th</sup>); Do not defraud (Do not covet, 10<sup>th</sup>); Honor your father and your mother (5<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p>20= all these things (our relationship with neighbors of the 2<sup>nd</sup> table of stone) I have kept from my youth (so, he had a nice relationship with neighbors, he appeared morally good.)</p> <p>21=Q1 looking at him, loved him (Jesus saw his earnestness); sell whatever you have (deny the possession, which you mostly loved; deny whatever self reliant things – money, fame, health, etc – deny yourself); give to the poor, and you have treasure in heaven (to give to the poor is to have treasure in heaven because the Father in heaven will reward you <sup>4</sup><i>Mat 6:4</i> – note that our God is never a debtor but will repay to you openly in heaven.); take up the cross (take up God's calling), and follow Me (follow Jesus, i.e., BECOME HIS DISCIPLE <sup>5</sup><i>Luke 9:23; Mat 16:24</i>)</p> <p>22= went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions (he could not give up the great possessions. Showing his love of the great possessions greater than the love of God; So, he violated the 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment of 10 on the 1<sup>st</sup> table of stone, our relationship with God, <sup>6</sup><i>Exodus 20:3</i> – Put God 1<sup>st</sup>, e.g. 10 years ago, a man of this church who appeared nice and was rich, provided labor, skill, and time except tithes &amp; offerings. Congressional members thought that he might have contributed mostly to the church finance. However, the board knew it. God prohibits to love money due to the root of all evil (1 Tim 6:10a). But we did not know if he might have laid up his treasures in heaven through others than this church. We just prayed for him to love God 1<sup>st</sup> and not to love money.)</p> <p>23=children (lovely term or immature disciples); those who have riches (not riches per se -- "those who trust in riches," in verse 24, those who rely upon the riches, those who love riches more than or equal to God)</p>
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<sup>4</sup> *Mat 6:4* that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

<sup>5</sup> *Luke 9:23* Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.; *Mat 16:24* Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

<sup>6</sup> *Exodus 20:3* "You shall have no other gods before Me.

<p>25 It is <u>easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.</u>"</p> <p>26 And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "<u>Who then can be saved?</u>"</p> <p>27 But Jesus looked at them and said, "<u>With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.</u>"</p> <p>28 Then <u>Peter</u> began to say to Him, "<u>See, we have left all and followed You.</u>"</p> <p>29 So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is <u>no</u> one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, <u>for My sake and the gospel's,</u></p> <p>30 <u>who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.</u></p> <p>31 But <u>many who are first will be last, and the last first.</u>"</p> <p>32 Now they were <u>on the road, going up to Jerusalem,</u> and Jesus was going before them; and <u>they were amazed.</u> And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and <u>began to tell them the things that would happen to Him:</u></p>	<p>25= easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than to a rich man to enter the kingdom of God (the man who trusts in riches is impossible to be saved; Here, a scholar says "the eye of needle" means a smaller of gate in the city of Jerusalem)</p> <p>27= With men it is impossible (salvation is impossible with men – no matter how much riches, morality, abilities or anything else men have); but not with God (Salvation is not impossible with God; Salvation is of God)</p> <p>28= Peter... we have left all and followed You (that's true, they left nets and boats, following Jesus; Matthew left tax-collector job, following Jesus)</p> <p>29= ...no... for My sake and the gospel's (those who left their family for Jesus' sake and the gospel's sake)</p> <p>30... not (double negatives are positive) receive a hundredfold now in this time (a lot of families of God e.g. James in S Sudan became a Christian, rejected by his family, was martyred, and according to his last will now many brothers and sisters in Christ on the earth are praying for his family's salvation); with persecutions (e.g. his martyrdom); in the any to come, eternal life (on the top of that)</p> <p>31= many who are first will be last (many who are first in the sight of the world will be last in the sight of God); and the last first (those who are last in the sight of the world will be first in the sight of God; in the kingdom of God, unlike the world, he who humbles himself will be exalted <sup>7</sup>Mat 23:11-12)</p> <p>(32-34) <i>Jesus' teaching the 4<sup>th</sup> time His death and resurrection</i></p> <p>32= on the road, going up to Jerusalem (to be crucified)... they were amazed (of what would happen to Him – His death!); began to tell them the things (4<sup>th</sup> time telling His death &amp; resurrection <sup>8</sup>Mark 8:31; 9:9; 9:31)</p>
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<sup>7</sup> Mat 23:11-12 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. <sup>12</sup> And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

<sup>8</sup> Mark 8:31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.; 9:9 Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen

<p>33 “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will <u>condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles</u>;</p> <p>34 and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and <u>kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.</u>”</p> <p>35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.” 36 And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?”</p> <p>37 They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, <u>one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.</u>”</p> <p>38 But Jesus said to them, “<b>You do not know what you ask.</b> Are you able to drink <u>the cup</u> that I drink, and be baptized with <u>the baptism</u> that I am baptized with?”</p>	<p>33 = condemn Him to death (crucifixion); deliver Him to the Gentiles (to Romans)</p> <p>34= kill Him (death on the cross with shed blood; as God says through prophets in the OT – God opened My year is the mark of His bond-servant of God<sup>9</sup> <i>Isaiah 50:4-6; Phil 2:6-8; Luke 22:42</i>); And the third day He will rise again (His resurrection; Sadly His disciples did not hear of this resurrection – why not? (1) they were amazed or surprised, verse 32; (2) “Your do not know what you ask,” verse 38, they misunderstood Jesus’ kingdom as an earthly kingdom to free Israel from Rome’s ruling.</p> <p><i>(35-45) Greatness in serving</i></p> <p>37= one on Your right hand and the other on Your left (in Jesus’ kingdom, put James and John on the highest positions in His glory— one for right seat and the other for the left seat)</p> <p>38= You do not know what you ask (they don’t know Jesus’ kingdom as the kingdom of God, not the earthly kingdom.) the cup (as a symbol of death<sup>10</sup> <i>Luke 22:42</i>); the baptism (as a symbol to wash off self centered life, a symbol of persecution<sup>11</sup> <i>Gal 2:20</i>)</p>
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from the dead.; 9:31 For He taught His disciples and said to them, “The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.”

<sup>9</sup> *Isaiah 50:4-6* “The Lord GOD has given Me. The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak. A word in season to *him who is weary*. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned. <sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away. <sup>6</sup> I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.; *Phil 2:6-8* who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup> but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.; *Luke 22:42* saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.”

<sup>10</sup> *Luke 22:42* saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.”

<sup>11</sup> *Gal 2:20* I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

<p><sup>39</sup> They said to Him, “<u>We are able.</u>”</p> <p>So Jesus said to them, “<u>You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized;</u></p> <p><sup>40</sup> but to sit on My right hand and on My left is <u>not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared.</u>”</p> <p><sup>41</sup> And when <u>the ten</u> heard <i>it</i>, they began to be <u>greatly displeased</u> with James and John. <sup>42</sup> But Jesus called them to <i>Himself</i> and said to them, “You know that those who are considered <u>rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.</u></p> <p><sup>43</sup> <u>Yet it shall not be so among you;</u> but whoever desires to become <u>great among you shall be your servant.</u></p> <p><sup>44</sup> And <u>whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.</u></p> <p><sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did <u>not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.</u>”</p> <p><sup>46</sup> Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, <u>blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging.</u></p>	<p>39= We are able... You will indeed drink the cup (You will have the death – James, the 1<sup>st</sup> martyr <sup>12</sup> Acts 12:1-2); you will be baptized (You will have persecution– John <sup>13</sup> Revelation 1:9)</p> <p>40 = not Mine to give (Jesus does not decide to put which seat for you – Jesus denies); for it is for those for whom it is prepared (that’s already ordained by God)</p> <p>41= the ten... greatly displeased... (the other 10 disciples were so upset; here the Lord molded immature disciples to be used for His kingdom, like us)</p> <p>42= rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them (rulers of the world or earthly kingdom lord it over the Gentiles or ungodly people); the great ones (the great rulers) exercise authority over them (use power over the Gentiles)</p> <p>43= Yet (Contrast) it shall not be so among you (such an earthly kingdom, in the verse 42, shall not be so among you the godly people); great among you shall be your servant (to become your servant is to become great among you in the kingdom of God; servant means slave or minister, not reverend <sup>14</sup> 1 Peter 5:2-4)</p> <p>44= whoever... desires to be first... slave of all (in the kingdom of God, to become the slave/last of all is to become first <sup>15</sup> Luke 14:10)</p> <p>45=Q2 not come to be served ... to serve... give His life a ransom for many (this shows minister’s method and motive – method to serve, not to be served; His ransom – His death to release our slavery to sin – motive is that ransom love which we owe Him <sup>16</sup> John 15:13)</p> <p>(46-52) <i>Blind beggar’s heart</i></p> <p>46= blind Bartimaeus... begging... (blind beggar, how about his heart? — heart does not mean an organ of heart in a human physical body, but is a deep thought about knowing, feeling, and willing. )</p>
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<sup>12</sup> Acts 12:1-2 Now about that time Herod the king stretched out *his* hand to harass some from the church. <sup>2</sup> Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

<sup>13</sup> Revelation 1:9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

<sup>14</sup> 1 Peter 5:2-4 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; <sup>3</sup> nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; <sup>4</sup> and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

<sup>15</sup> Luke 14:10 But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, go up higher.’ Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you.

<sup>16</sup> John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.

<p>47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “<u>Jesus, Son of David</u>, have mercy on me!”</p> <p>48 Then <u>many warned him to be quiet</u>; but <u>he cried out all the more</u>, “<u>Son of David</u>, have mercy on me!”</p> <p>49 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called.</p> <p>Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.”</p> <p>50 And <u>throwing aside his garment</u>, he rose and came to <u>Jesus</u>.</p> <p>51 So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?”</p> <p>The blind man said to Him, “<u>Rabboni</u>, that I may receive my sight.”</p> <p>52 Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; <u>your faith</u> has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and <u>followed Jesus</u> on the road.</p>	<p>47= Jesus, Son of David (Jesus is the Son of David; he has knowledge of Jesus the Messiah descended from David through a prophecy in OT <sup>17</sup><i>Isaiah 9:7</i> – his deep thought about knowing)</p> <p>48= many warned him to be quiet... he cried out all the more, “Son of David...” (he expressed his feeling, crying more “Son of David” – his deep thought about feeling)</p> <p>50= throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus (showing his willing to follow Him – his deep thought about willing to follow Him)</p> <p>51= Rabboni (master or teacher; kjv Lord)</p> <p>52=Q3 your faith ( his belief in Jesus the Messiah from his heart, above, <sup>18</sup><i>Mat 17:20</i>); followed Jesus (his faith proved up by his work to follow Jesus)</p>
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<sup>17</sup> *Isaiah 9:7* Of the increase of His government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

<sup>18</sup> *Mat 17:20* So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.