

# S.O.H.L.

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

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# The Other Side of the Bridge

**MARK 10:17-22 NASB - (17)** As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" **(18)** And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. **(19)** "You know the commandments, ' DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, Do not defraud, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.'" **(20)** And he said to Him, "Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up." **(21)** Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." **(22)** But at these words he was saddened, and he went away grieving, for he was one who owned much property.

**MARK 10:28:31 NASB – (28)** Peter began to say to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You." **(29)** Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake, **(30)** but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life. **(31)** "But many who are first will be last, and the last, first."

Christ took this occasion to speak to his disciples about the difficulty of the salvation of those who have abundance of this world. Those who eagerly seek the wealth of the world, will never rightly prize Christ and his grace. The greatest trial of a good man's faithfulness is, when love to Jesus calls him to give up love to friends and relatives. Even when gainers by Christ, let them still expect to suffer for him, till they reach heaven. Let us learn contentment in a low state, and to watch against the love of riches in a high one. Let us pray to be enabled to part with all, if required, in Christ's service, and to use all we are allowed to keep in his service.

The people of this world start off living in the middle of the bridge. On one end of the bridge is Satan saying to the people "Come to Me" and on the other end is Christ not saying anything, but standing with His arms open. Behind Satan is all kinds of worldly stuff (False Riches). Many people have moved a quarter closer to satan because what he has they want. Many are already on Satans side of the bridge, but they are in their graves. **(NOTE: MATTHEW 7:13-14)** Satans side has become over populated, but many can't resist. What side of the bridge do you really live on? Oh, the other side of the bridge where Christ stands consists of ETERNAL LIFE!

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 JOHN 5:21

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Nothing can irritate you without your permission.

