

# **“Almost Isn't Good Enough”**

## **Matt. 19:16-26**

### Introduction

- I. I have heard it said that “close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades”.
- II. In other words, it is usually not good enough to be close.
- III. In regard to salvation, it is never good enough just to be close.

### Discussion

- I. It is not good enough just to come to the right source (Matt. 19:16).
  - A. Jesus is the only way (John 14:6).
  - B. There is no other to whom we can go for salvation (John 6:68).
  - C. We must be careful because there are counterfeits out there (2 Pet. 2:1).
- II. It is not good enough just to ask the right question (Matt. 19:16, 20).
  - A. This question is of utmost importance (Acts 2:37; 16:30).
  - B. People question other things, but many seemingly ignore this question.
  - C. We need to acknowledge that there are things that we must do (Acts 9:6).
- III. It is not good enough just to receive the right answer (Matt. 19:17-19, 21).
  - A. Salvation requires an inward change and an outward change (2 Pet. 3:9; Acts 17:30-31; 1 Cor. 6:11-13; Rom. 6:17).
  - B. You may have all of the right answers, but if you do not apply them, they will not help you in the end.
- IV. It is never good enough to do the wrong thing (Matt. 19:22-26).
  - A. There are priorities that each of us must have (Matt. 6:33; Mark 12:30).
  - B. Choosing to live a life of unrighteousness will only lead to destruction (Rom. 1:28-32).

### Conclusion

- I. We need to be sure that we are not just “close”, but rather absolutely certain that we are right with God.
- II. We only have one life, and if we fail to make preparations, then we fall short.