

The Performance Trap

Gospel of Mark

kindly affectioned:

'cherishing one's kindred, especially parents or children'

kindly affectioned:

*'having an affectionate love for our natural and
Christian family'*

A black and white speckled dog is captured in mid-air, jumping over a hurdle. The hurdle has a green and white striped bar. The background is a blurred orange safety net. In the top left corner, there is a small green horizontal bar.

*the performance
trap*

The performance trap is set when our identity is found in our ability to perform to a high level of excellence

Mark 10:17

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?"

Mark 10:18-20

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, honour your father and mother.'" ²⁰
"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

*performance is
a hard
taskmaster*



Mark 10:21

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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."

Mark 10:22

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

*grace isn't a
trick*



John 1:12

¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

Mark 10:23-31

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."

Mark 10:23-31

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!"

Mark 10:23-31

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."

