

# **The Camel and the Needle's Eye**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 19.

B. Everybody seems to be interested in the issue of rich and poor.

## II. The ideal.

A. Christ is instructing His disciples in preparation of His coming crucifixion.

B. The religious leaders sought to test Jesus at this time. They tested Him regarding divorce. (Deuteronomy 24)

1. One Jewish school of thought was very strict regarding conditions for divorce.

2. The other school was very loose on the conditions.

3. Both schools thought that divorce was commended under some circumstances.

C. Ideally, There is to be no divorce.

1. God made them in the beginning male and female.

2. The strongest relationship between people is between a husband and a wife.

3. In marriage, there is a "one flesh" union bound by God.

## III. The real.

A. Moses permitted divorce because of the hardness of men's heart. (Deuteronomy 24)

B. Marriage is difficult—there are many reasons for staying single.

## IV. Application.

A. Marriage is a union.

B. Marriage is a sharing of all things.

C. Divorce is selfish.

D. It is possible to live dedicated to Christ as a single person.

E. The ultimate foundation of life is to be Jesus Christ.

**Application questions:**

1. What were the schools of divorce at the time of Jesus and where did they both go wrong?

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2. What reason for staying married stands out to you? Explain.

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3. What are some important tips to remember for maintaining a marriage in hard times?

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