

## **Week 153 – w/c 13/10/19**

**Monday: Luke 18:18-34** The fact that the ruler had riches wasn't the problem. The problem was that the ruler loved money more than God. Jesus asked the ruler to give up his money because He could see money was an idol. Jesus asked him to give money to the poor because He could see that the ruler didn't love others the way he should. What holds you back from loving God with all your heart?

**Tuesday: Numbers 13:26 - 14:4** Two men could see the exact same sights – the same grapes, the same men, the same land, the same cities – one can come away singing in faith, and the other is filled with a sense of certain doom. Ultimately, faith or unbelief does not spring from circumstances or environment, but from our hearts, which God must change. Pray that God will help you overcome your unbelief.

**Wednesday: 2 Kings 18:1-37** The commander's speech was intended to destroy Judah's trust in God. He had the vastly superior armies; he could have just attacked Jerusalem without this little speech. But the commander would prefer it if Judah would simply give up out of fear, discouragement, or despair. This is how Satan attacks us today. Pray that God will strengthen you against spiritual attack.

**Thursday: Proverbs 19:1-10** Verses 1, 5 and 9 focus on our words. Matthew 12:36 tells us that we will have to give an account for every empty word we have spoken. Do you think before you speak? Do you struggle with lying or using bad language? Pray that God will break these habits.

**Friday: Ezekiel 21:1-32** See v6. God did not want Ezekiel to be an unemotional messenger of judgment. God wanted the heart of the prophet to display the same breaking heart that God Himself had. What is God breaking your heart over at the minute? Spend time praying for our nation.

**Weekend: 1 Timothy 4:1-8** V3 describes the legalistic teaching of those who have departed from the faith. They taught that it was by following this list of man-made rules that one was justified in God's sight. Romans 3:24 says that we are justified freely by God's grace. We cannot manipulate God into giving us something through our own actions. Pray for Alan as he teaches the truths of the faith (v6).