

## Matthew 19:13-15

### The Man Who Had Everything (Except the Most Important Thing)

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#### Intro –

v. 16 - Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”

17 - So He (Jesus) said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that's, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

18 - He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘Don't murder,’ ‘Don't commit adultery,’ ‘Don't steal,’ ‘Don't lie,’

19 - ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

20 - The young man said to Him, “All these things I've kept from my youth. What do I still lack?”

21 - Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you'll have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

22 - But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

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#### **1. He came to the right person.**

Mark 10:17 - As Jesus was starting out on His way...a man came *running up to him*, ... and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

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**v.17** - Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that's, God.

**Romans 3** - There is none good, no not one... All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**John 5:18** - For this reason they tried all the more to kill Him; not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

**John 10:33** - "We aren't stoning you for any good work," they replied, "but for blasphemy, because You, a mere man, claim to be God."

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## **2. He asked the right question.**

**v. 16** - He said, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”

**Romans 6:23** - The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** - By grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves it's the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

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#### **3. He received the right answer.**

**Romans 3:20** - No one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands.

**Romans 3:23** - All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**Romans 3:20** - No one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

**v. 21** - Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you'll have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

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#### **4. He made the wrong decision.**

**v. 21** - “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you'll have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

**v. 22** - But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

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#### **Lesson #1 - It's hard for the rich to be saved.**

**v. 23** - Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it's hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.”

**v. 24** - "It's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

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#### **Lesson #2 - Apart from God, no one can be saved.**

**v. 25** - When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?”

**v. 26** - But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

God has made it possible for every person to be saved.

- **It doesn't matter who you are.**
  - **It doesn't matter what you've done.**
  - **Salvation is available to everyone.**
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#### **Lesson #3 - Whatever you give up for Jesus Christ is worth the sacrifice.**

**v. 27** - Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we've left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?”

**v. 28** - So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

**v. 29** - And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, *shall receive a hundred times as much*, and inherit eternal life.

**v. 30** - Many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

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