

The Rich Young Man - Mark 10:17-31

Topics: Basics of the Faith, Eternal Life, Gospel, Heaven, Impossible, Obedience, Possessions, Rejection, Rewards, Sacrifice, Salvation, Wealth

Open It

- * 1. What are the advantages and disadvantages of being wealthy?
- 2. Why do you think most people want to be rich?

Explore It

- 3. What was the attitude of the wealthy man as he came to Jesus? (10:17)
- * 4. What did the man want Jesus to explain to him? (10:17)
- 5. Why did Jesus say to the man, “No one is good, except God alone”? (10:18)
- * 6. How did Jesus explain the way to inherit eternal life? (10:19-21)
- 7. How did the rich man respond to Jesus? (10:20)
- 8. What does the rich man’s answer to Jesus tell us about his spiritual state? (10:20)
- 9. What attitude did Jesus have toward the rich man? (10:21)
- 10. What was difficult about the instruction that Jesus gave the young man? (10:21-22)
- 11. In what way would selling all of his earthly possessions give the wealthy man “treasure in heaven”? (10:21)
- * 12. Why could the man not obey Christ’s instructions? (10:22)
- 13. What did Jesus mean when He said, “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of the needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God”? (10:24-25)
- 14. When the disciples were astonished and dismayed at Jesus’ words, how did He encourage them? (10:26-27)
- 15. How did Peter respond to this situation? (10:28)
- 16. With what promise did Jesus conclude His teaching in this passage? (10:29-31)

Get It

- 17. Why do you think Jesus demanded such a tall order from this man?
- * 18. In what way can money stop us from doing what God wants?
- 19. How can wealth interfere with a person’s Christian faith?
- 20. What have you ever sacrificed for the sake of following Christ?
- 21. What interferes with your walk with the Lord?
- * 22. How do you think God wants you to use the material wealth He has given you?
- 23. How can we prevent ourselves from allowing wealth to interfere with our Christianity?
- 24. What can you learn about Jesus from His actions in this story?
- 25. What can we learn through the negative example of the rich young man in this episode?
- 26. What makes it difficult for a rich person to be saved?
- 27. What makes it difficult for anyone, rich or poor, to enter the kingdom of God?
- 28. What can you give to the poor? How?
- * 29. What practical steps can we take to insure that we place value on eternal things and not merely on material things?

Apply It

- * 30. What can you sell or give away in the near future to reflect a concern for God’s kingdom over things?
- 31. What is one distraction you can set aside from your routine this week to help you concentrate more on devotion to Christ?