



## GIVING UP TREASURES TO FOLLOW JESUS

*Matthew 19:16-30*

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Good morning Church! All people are called to have the willingness to trust in God's provisions for eternal life, not our own. Surrendering your life to follow Jesus is what the rich young man failed to obey in this passage. Giving up the things that kept him from following Jesus Christ is what the man lacked, thus forfeiting his life eternally with God.

### **Matthew 19:16-30**

"And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" **17** And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments."  
**18** He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, **19** Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." **20** The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" **21** Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." **22** When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. **23** And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. **24** Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." **25** When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" **26** But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." **27** Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" **28** Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. **29** And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. **30** But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

**1. The PROBLEM: The Man Didn't KNOW How to Have ETERNAL LIFE (v 16-17)**

**2. The PROCESS: Jesus Points out the Man's SIN and the Man's WICKED HEART. (v 18-22)**

### **3. The SOLUTION: Eternal Life comes through FOLLOWING CHRIST and Nothing Else. (v 23-27**

In this teaching lesson of Jesus to his disciples, there is time to process their thoughts and provide a response that Jesus demands. God's grace extends to any persons whether married or single, young or old, rich or poor. It is impossible to achieve eternal life for all people, but for God it is not only possible, but it is inevitable to those who believe in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Salvation through Jesus Christ**

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*