

Luke 18:18-27
"Rich Young Ruler"

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1. Introduction

a. Context = previous verses

- 18:1-8 Unjust judge =

* parable to point out that men always ought to pray

- 18:9-14 Pharisee & Publican
Sinner - proud verses humble

* prayer of humble sinner

- 18:15-17 Bringing little children

* receiving God's Kingdom as trusting little children

b. Mt 19:23-26 rich men who trusted in their wealth

- easier for camel to through eye of needle

- who can be saved?

- With God all things are possible

2. Rich Young Religious Ruler

a. Man was wealthy (Lk 18:23)

b. He was curious

c. He called Jesus "Good Teacher"

- term of respect

d. Question: What shall I do to inherit eternal life?

- he was interested in spiritual things

3. Jesus Begins His Teaching

a. Jesus first asks series of questions

3a Questions (cont)

- Why do you call Me good?
- * No one is good but One-God
- Do you know the Ten Commandments?

b. Young man states he observes the 10 Commandments

4. Jesus Answers Man First Question

- a. You lack one thing
- b. Sell all that you own
 - Give it all to the poor
- c. You will have treasure in heaven
- d. Come, follow Me (as poor man)

5. Why Would Jesus Say This?

a. What is the first command

- Exod 20:1-3 I AM the Lord your God

- * You shall have no other gods before Me

- Deut 6:4-5 The Lord our God is one God

- * You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart

b. The man had great sorrow (sad & miserable)

- he was very wealthy
- he loved his wealth more than loving God
- he did not want to become a poor man to follow Jesus

6. Jesus Gives Conclusion

a. Difficult for wealthy people to enter kingdom of God

b. Ps 49:6-7 People who trust in their wealth cannot give God a ransom payment