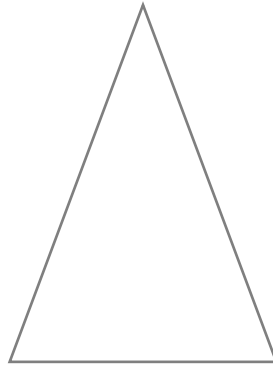


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# Rich Ruler

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Scripture Key Text Luke 18-18:30

Also note - Matthew 19:16-30 and Mark 10:17-31

Parts 1-9 of the text a perspective given

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Scripture [Luke 18:18-30](#)

Note: The Gospels of [Matthew 19:16-30](#), [Mark 10:17-31](#)

# The Rich Ruler

## Key Note

There is so much to take away from this portion of scripture, to digest its meaning and its ability to expose the heart. To some it's just a story about a man who held onto his wealth when asked to give it up to follow Jesus. I have many times heard one part of this scripture mentioned in sermons which is '**what is impossible with man is possible with God**' taken out of context often referring to the very thing the rich man was asked to let go of. I often wonder how many times we faced off with truth of the scriptures which reveals the many hidden dimensions of the soul not visible to others but is seen in the light of scripture or through the eyes of Christ. Peter and Paul had an experience of which when confronted with absolute grace uttered words reflecting their own heart, for Peter it was God in the flesh, Peter saying '*I am unclean man*', and Paul it was hearing the voice of Jesus, when he said '*Lord, what do you want me to do*'. What will it take to align to grace and depart from things which we hold onto even if it seems right in our own doing and eyes, what will it take.

What is impossible with man?

What is possible with God?

Please take into account '***Salvation through Christ, Sonship in Christ, Everlasting kingdom Christ and His church***'. What is impossible with man, is possible with God, Therefore if any man seek hope let him come to Christ in his condition.

[Luke 18:18-30](#)

Lets examine the text in its parts to determine its whole a perspective of the heart and see how God speaks to our hearts in light of His mercy and grace through His word.

The Rich Ruler

**And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.**

**Question:** How do you inherit eternal life?

## Part 1

Rich young ruler  
Jesus  
Good teacher  
God alone is good  
Inherit eternal life

This man calls Jesus "Good Teacher" Jesus says to him why do you call me Good, God alone is Good. Jesus demonstrates his humility and humanity and His reverence for God, receiving no glory from flattery. Note that Jesus knowing all things already knew this man's heart and intentions before he even spoke, therefore bringing up the question of the law which almost seemed in favor of this man's position.

Question: What is your position as you stand today?

You know the commandments:

1. Do not commit adultery
2. Do not murder
3. Do not steal
4. Do not bear false witness
5. Honor your father and mother

## Part 2

The Ten Commandments

Jesus does not mention these commandments listed below, instead quotes the last five to the man which are listed above.

1. You shall have no other gods before me
2. You shall not make yourselves a carved image
3. You shall not bow down nor serve them
4. You shall not take the name of your lord god in vain
5. Observe the Sabbath

The implications of breaking one law means you have broken all. It seems Jesus only mentions the ones the man had observed meaning he had not kept the entire law. God knows the heart and its intentions before any man can even speak.

And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth."

**Question:** What justifies you today is it your goodness or the grace of God

### Part 3

From his youth or age of understanding, this man is convinced that only by observing the law that one is good, but seemingly this man is forgetting that Jesus did not overlook the other commandments which indicates he did not observe the entire law and thus comes the ultimate response from Jesus to this man to let go of what the man has made a God out of 'his riches', to which he subscribed to and served as master but maintained an appearance of righteousness.

This is typical of many prosperity followers in this age, 'riches' has become a god and validation with an appearance of righteousness because we attend Sunday church.

When Jesus heard this, he said to him,  
"One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

**Question:** What is the cost of discipleship and what price was paid to redeem the sons back into sonship?

### Part 4

Still Lack

Sell

Distribute to the poor

Have treasure in heaven

Follow

How difficult it is for this man when he confronted Truth, his position been hypocritical, thinking to himself he is in good standing with God in his own eyes. As believers we will be confronted by the Holy Spirit and at that time our hearts will be revealed. These are not easy things and Jesus know this, but the price of attaching oneself to earth things above God has its consequences and I am sure there are lots of people who would feel like this man but here is the thing, true wealth is in Jesus Christ. Things like love, peace, hope, joy can't be bought its given. The generosity of God don't stop there He give His sons freely all things according to the measure of where they are. It is imperative to know Christ Jesus and His Glory intimately there are many scriptures which shows us that imposters, false teachers, false brethren, false temples, demon doctrines, false fellowship, another gospel, another Jesus, another spirit will be devised to hinder you to coming to truth, only a true son knows that he owns nothing and everything which is on earth and heaven is the fathers. The father freely gives this to his sons at no cost, listen wealth is not our position of goodness and good standing with God its out Heart condition as sons of God.

But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.

**Question:** Will you give up your riches for Christ, I mean the things you love more?

## **Part 5**

Very sad

Extremely Rich

Reality check for anyone who comes before God with a Self-righteous Spirit must expect the heart to be revealed. What one may find is not exactly what one may anticipated.

Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, “How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! For 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.”

Question: Does materialism rule you or do you rule over it?

## **Part 6**

Wealth/rich to enter the kingdom of Heaven

This issue is not only about been rich, it's about which master we serve, its a total eclipse of the heart. Its unnatural to equate Kingdom of Heaven to an earthly value system, streets of gold, mansions, because these are expressions or metaphors to help nurture the carnal mind into truth. Streets of gold descriptive of righteousness, mansions are descriptive of the dwelling place in your heart. If the heart is captured by riches and self righteousness you have a problem and the only way to test this problem is to evaluate your heart against this text.

Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?”

Remember what is impossible with man is possible with only with God - {Who can be saved}

## **Part 7**

Who can be saved

Exactly who can be saved if the issue was about the rich giving their wealth away in order that their substance would make a way to eternal life for an act of goodness. It's the heart condition, the inner man seek to follow and fellowship with Christ but the natural man is to attached to his own gods which he has made and carved for himself.

But he said, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

Christ Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

## **Part 8**

Christ Jesus

Therefore, this scripture cannot be misquoted or redirected out of its true context and applied just to any circumstances related to anything other than its true meaning.

Man cannot save man except for God through His son Jesus Christ, see it's only possible with God to save man. True conviction only comes when we actual come to God as sons, through the process of salvation, born again, to a new man in Christ.

And Peter said, "See, we have left our homes and followed you." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life."

Our hope is in Christ alone

### **Part 9**

In the here and now and in the age to come

Eternal life

Two things can be determined here, is that we can be reassured that in Christ it's possible to change and inherit the true treasures of the heaven which is him, we can enter the Kingdom by been born again, we can see the kingdom in baptism in the Holy Spirit, through the process of renewing of the mind and receive even greater treasures other than what we have stored up for ourselves where rust and moth diminish it, eternal life is given to those who follow with heart and connected to the Fathers heart.

End Note

There are no easy things in following Christ, Christianity is not a numbers game or a religious persuasion, its simply a son returning to his father. A son coming to his senses and saying to himself I will return to my fathers house.

May grace which comes from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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Scripture usage from English Standard Version and NKJV