

→ **A Request for Information (10:17–31)**

This man was rich (Luke 18:23), young (Matt. 19:20, 22), and a ruler (Luke 18:18), and had everything but salvation. The Jews would not use the word “good” in addressing a rabbi, so Jesus had every right to ask the man why he used it. Did he really believe that Jesus was God? If so, would he obey what Jesus said?

Nobody is saved by keeping the Law (Gal. 3:21). Jesus held before the young man the mirror of the Law so he could see how sinful he was (James 1:22–25; Rom. 3:20). The young man had paid attention to the Law since his youth, and the Law had brought him to Christ (Gal. 3:24); but he had not yet humbled himself as a lost sinner. He wanted to have the best of both worlds!

Nobody is saved by selling everything and giving the money to the poor. We are saved by trusting the Son of God who gave everything to make us rich (2 Cor. 8:9). Jesus touched this “sore spot” in the young man’s life because love of money was the great sin that was keeping him out of the kingdom (vv. 23–27). There is a prin-

ciple here that must be remembered as we seek to lead lost people to Jesus: sinners cannot hang on to their sins and at the same time reach out to Jesus. There must be sincere repentance before sinners can turn to God and be saved by His grace.

Like many Jews, the disciples thought that wealth was proof of God’s blessing, but Jesus corrected their wrong idea. Peter was sure that he and his friends would receive a special reward for doing what the rich young ruler did not do. God does reward faithfulness, but our motive should be love for Christ and not desire for gain. As industrialist R.G. LeTourneau used to say, “If you give because it pays, it won’t pay!” (See Matt. 20:1–16 for Christ’s parable of warning about bad attitudes in Christian service.) Many who are first in their own eyes will be last in God’s eyes.

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→ **Mark 10:17–22**

And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and 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.

You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’ ”

And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.”

And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

→ **What was Jesus’ first answer?**

This is what many people expect to hear. Be good enough.

→ **The Ten Commandments**

The 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) break down into two sections

- The first 4 cover our relationship with God
- The last 6 cover our relationships with people

→ **What was the man’s question?**

→ **What was Jesus’ second answer?**

Does this answer seem strange to you? It should. The instruction is never given to anyone else.

→ **The Bottom Line: You must trust Jesus**

→ **What are the two underlying questions in Jesus answer?**

- You must trust Him for the next life
- You must trust Him for this life
- You must show Him as trustworthy to others

→ **Enjoy your Klondike Bar!**

→ **John 14:6**

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

→ **In what ways did this man treat eternal life like a Klondike Bar?**

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→ **Mark 10:17–22**

→ **The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1–17)**

And God spoke all these words, saying,  
 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.  
 "You shall have no other gods before me.  
 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,  
 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Six days you shall labor, and do all your work,

but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.  
 "You shall not commit adultery.  
 "You shall not steal.  
 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

→ **A process of discovery**

**10:21** The demand placed on the rich man was radical and one that Jesus did not require of all His disciples. Jesus' goal was to discover the extent to which the man really desired eternal life and to underscore the radical self-denial of discipleship (8:34–38), a self-denial more difficult for "the haves" (the first) than the "have nots" (the last).

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