

RICH YOUNG RULER

Matthew 19:16-22

IS MONEY THE PROBLEM?

- *"And if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.*
- *² And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.*
- *³ Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field.*
- *⁴ Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. (Deut. 28:1-4 ESV)*

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- *Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. (Gen. 13:2 ESV)*
- *¹² And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The LORD blessed him,*
- *¹³ and the man became rich, and gained more and more until he became very wealthy.*
- *¹⁴ He had possessions of flocks and herds and many servants, so that the Philistines envied him. (Gen. 26:12-14 ESV)*
- *Job 1:2-3; 42:12-13*

THE YOUNG MAN

- Matt. 19:16-30 – Mark 10:17-30 – Luke 18:18-30
- Other verses:
- Matt. 6:19 “Lay up treasures in heaven...”
- *“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. (Matt. 6:24 ESV)*
- Matthew 19:13-15

THE YOUNG MAN

- A young man.
 - in Luke, Ruler
- What good deed must I do to inherit eternal life.
 - Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life. Mark & Luke
- Why do you ask me about what is good? Only God is good.
- Keep commandments: don't commit adultery – don't murder – don't steal – don't bear false witness – honor father and mother.
- Shall not covet.
- All these I have kept. (Done since my youth. Mark & Luke)

THE YOUNG MAN

- If you would be perfect – You lack one thing.
- Sale what you own, give to the poor, you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.
- A young rich man seeking eternal life.
- Evidently a man seeking spiritual things.
- A moral and good man from his youth.
- Jesus loved him.

THE YOUNG MAN

- He went away sorrowful.
- Apostles were “greatly astonished”
 - “greatly” – extremely, exceedingly
 - “astonished” – struck with panic, overwhelmed, bewildered
- He wanted eternal life, but he did not want the life of Jesus.