

The Cost
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As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good — except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’” “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth (Mark 10:17-22, NIV).

Surveying the Larger Context:

Predicting His _____ (Mark 10:33-34; cf. 8:27-31; 9:30-33).

The _____ vs. The Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14).

“To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable” (v.9).

The _____ of a Little Child (Mark 10:13-16).

“Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it” (v.15).

Who is this “man” (v.17)?

He is _____ (v.22).

He is _____ (Matthew 19:22).

He is _____ (Luke 18:18)

Synagogue ruler (Luke 8:41)?

Sanhedrin / ruling council member (Luke 23:13)?

_____? A rich (Acts 21:39; 22:3) young ruler (Acts 7:58) who has kept the law since his childhood (Acts 26:4) and places confidence in his own efforts.

“If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more; circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless” (Philippians 3:4-6, NIV).

This man had superficial views:

1. His view of _____ (vv.17-18).

- a. “Good” is reserved for _____ alone (Psalm 25:8; 34:8; 86:5; 106:1; 145:9, etc.). Jesus was correcting him but also clarifying what he meant. If he believed that Jesus was “good” then he would have to confess that Jesus is God.
- b. Jesus wasn’t denying His deity but _____ it.
- c. The man did _____ view Jesus as God because he corrected his language (v.20).
- d. He can’t _____ anything to earn salvation.

Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent” (John 6:28-29, NIV).

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV).

2. His view of _____ (vv.19-20).

#	Matthew	Mark	Luke
6	No Murder		
7	No Adultery		
8	No Stealing		
9	No False Testimony		
5	Honor Dad/Mom	No Defraud Neighbor	Honor Dad/Mom
Lev 19	Love Neighbor	Honor Dad/Mom	

Ten Commandments: The last 6 govern our relationships with other people, but coveting (#10) is the only one that can’t be measured by external actions. As far as his actions were concerned, the rich young ruler was blameless (Philippians 3:6), but his inward attitudes were not (Colossians 3:5). Jesus took radical steps to expose the man’s true heart condition before God, offer a pathway to healing, and the invitation to follow Him.

- a. _____ keeping the law and seeking eternal life. It brought him to Jesus (Galatians 3:24).
- b. Sincerely _____ that he could fully keep the law’s requirements (Philippians 3:6).
- c. Not a means of salvation but a _____ that reveals sin. “Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin” (Romans 3:19-20, NIV).
“I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!” (Galatians 2:21, NIV).
- d. The problem is not external conformity but _____ motives and desires (Romans 7:7-8, NIV).

3. His view of _____ (vv.21-22).

- a. Jesus _____ him. He recognized the man’s earnestness (cf. Matthew 5:19).
- b. Jesus put His finger on what was keeping _____ man from eternal life: trusting in _____ instead of God.
- c. It isn’t about the _____.

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham”. (Luke 19:8-9, NIV).

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs” (1 Timothy 6:10, NIV).

It’s not about trying but _____.