

The Top Spot

READ: Matthew 19:17-27

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?"

¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone.

¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

²¹ 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." ²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ The disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

REFLECT: Why did the young man go away sad? (v 21-22)

What did the man love more than God?

Having a lot of money is not wrong but loving money more than you love God is a sin. For this young man, money had become the top thing in his life. He wasn't willing give it up and love God more than his money. So he went away sad.

The Bible shows us we need to love God most but that doesn't mean it will be easy. There are times in our lives where other things can take our attention away from God and take the top spot in our life. Maybe it's money, family & friends, or a sport/game we play. We need to remember how much God loves us. Jesus died to show His love for us. When we think about that love it should stir our hearts to love Him most.

RESPOND: What is it in your life that takes the top spot in your life?

Thank God for loving you and that nothing is impossible for Him. Ask God to forgive you for letting other things take the top spot in your life. Ask for His help to keep Him at the top spot in your life every day.

Thank God for _____

Pray for _____