
“Where Is Your Heart At?”

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Mark 10:17-22

Mark 10:17-22. “ As Jesus was setting out again, a man ran up to him, knelt down in front of him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked him. “Nobody is good except for one—God. You know the commandments: ‘Never murder.’ ‘Never commit adultery.’ ‘Never steal.’ ‘Never give false testimony.’ ‘Never cheat.’ ‘Honor your father and mother.’” The man replied to him, “Teacher, I have obeyed all of these since I was a young man.” Jesus looked at him and loved him. Then he told him, “You’re missing one thing. Go and sell everything you own, give the money to the destitute, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come back and follow me.” Shocked at this statement, the man went away sad, because he had many possessions for he was rich.”

1. The Rich Young Ruler:

- Jewish
- Followed the Law...Mostly
- A Young Man
- Wealthy
- Had Some Sort of Authoritative Position

2. Seeking an Answer to a Troubling Question

- Eternal life...His hope and goal...question is how to get there?
- Human goodness through obedience to God? Something else?

3. A Note About Money – I Timothy 6:10

- Hope: Defined by Websters as: Desire accompanied by expectation of fulfillment.
- Faith: Defined by Webster’s: A deep-seated trust or belief, usually to a God or religious system.

- Hebrews 11:1, “ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”
 - Trust: Webster’s again - “Assured reliance on the character, strength, or truth of someone or something...a basis of reliance, faith or hope.”
 - Hope is an emotional or desire focus. Faith is an intellectual focus that leads to an act of one’s will. Trust is a focus to action...based on faith and/or hope.
4. What is the focus of your heart? What do you place your hope, faith and trust in?
 5. You can know about God...you can come to church, read your bible, pray, listen to Christian music, and hang with other Christians and still have the focus of your heart be on yourself.
 6. Now is the time to get to truly know Jesus Christ and walk away with true hope, true faith and true trust...and the peace of mind and spirit they bring.