**What More Do I Have to Do?**

**Matthew 19: 16-30**

**16 Then someone came to him and said, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” 17 And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.” 18 He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. 19 Honor your father and mother. Also, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 20 The young man said to him, “I have kept all these; what do I still lack?” 21 Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” 22 When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions. 23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” 25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, “Then who can be saved?” 26 But Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.” 27 Then Peter said in reply, “Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” 28Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my name’s sake will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.**

**I. Terms to Know**

**eternal** - a life that lasts beyond this world, in heaven with God, which can be achieved by following Jesus and putting your trust in him.

**commandments** - instructions and moral guidelines from God that outline how people should live and relate to one another.

**murder** - intent to kill or injure.

**commit adultery** - to be unfaithful to your spouse; "cheating" on your partner.

**steal** - taking something that doesn't belong to you.

**bare false witness** - to tell a lie about someone, like saying something bad about them that isn't true.

**possessions** - all the things a person owns, like their toys, clothes, house, and money.

**grieving** - the deep sadness and loss you feel when someone you love dies.

**astounded** - extremely surprised and shocked.

**renewal** - a complete change or fresh start, like a new beginning, where people who follow Jesus will receive a new life in heaven, even if they have to give up things on Earth to do so.

**Son of Man** - Jesus is both fully human, like any other person, but also the Messiah, the Son of God who came to save people.

**hundredfold** - if you give up everything to follow Jesus, you will receive a huge reward, like a hundred times more than what you gave up.

**inherit** - to receive something special and important from God.

**II. Matthew 19:16–30 describes Jesus' conversation with a wealthy young man who asks how to achieve eternal life. Jesus teaches that wealth can make it difficult to accept salvation, and that entrance into the Kingdom of God is based on Jesus' sacrifice, not on one's own goodness.**

**What happens?**

* **The young man asks Jesus what he must do to receive eternal life.**
* **Jesus tells him to keep the commandments.**
* **The young man says he has kept the commandments.**
* **Jesus tells him to sell his possessions and give them to the poor.**
* **The young man turns away from Jesus, unable to give up his wealth.**
* **Jesus warns that wealth can make it difficult to accept salvation.**

**What does it mean?**

* **Jesus is teaching that people must have the right attitude towards wealth and possessions.**
* **Jesus is showing that the young man's wealth is his stumbling block, and that he is not prepared to give it up to follow Jesus.**
* **Jesus is showing that the young man's real priority is his earthly possessions, not his heavenly hope.**
* **Jesus is showing that entrance into the Kingdom of God is based on Jesus' sacrifice, not on one's own goodness.**

**III. Questions**

**1. How did the rich young man address Jesus?**

**2. What did he have to do to enter into life?**

**3. How did the young man react after being told to sell everything?**

**4. What was the analogy used to describe the difficulty of a rich man to enter the Kingdom?**

**5. What is the reward for forsaking all for the Lord’s name sake?**