LESSON SEVEN - A Lesson on Rewards

Text

**MATTHEW 19:16-30 - The Rich Young Ruler**

**16**And someone came to Him and said, “Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?” **17**And He said to him, “Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is *only* One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.” **18***Then* he \*said to Him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not commit murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; **19**Honor your father and mother; and You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” **20**The young man \*said to Him, “All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?” **21**Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+19%3A16-30&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23784a)]complete, go *and* sell your possessions and give to *the* poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” **22**But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.

**23**And Jesus said to His disciples, “Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. **24**Again I say to you, 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.” **25**When the disciples heard *this*, they were very astonished and said, “Then who can be saved?” **26**And looking at *them* Jesus said to them, “With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

**The Disciples’ Reward**

**27**Then Peter said to Him, “Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?” **28**And Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+19%3A16-30&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23791b)]His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. **29**And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+19%3A16-30&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23792c)]or children or farms for My name’s sake, will receive [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+19%3A16-30&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23792d)]many times as much, and will inherit eternal life. **30**But many *who are* first will be last; and *the* last, first.

**MARK 10:17-31 - The Rich Young Ruler**

**17**As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” **18**And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. **19**You know the commandments, ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” **20**And he said to Him, “Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up.” **21**Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, “One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” **22**But at these words [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MARK+10%3A17-31&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24611a)]he was saddened, and he went away grieving, for he was one who owned much property.

**23**And Jesus, looking around, \*said to His disciples, “How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!” **24**The disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus \*answered again and \*said to them, “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**They were even more astonished and said to Him, “[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MARK+10%3A17-31&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24615b)]Then who can be saved?” **27**Looking at them, Jesus \*said, “With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.”

**28**Peter began to say to Him, “Behold, we have left everything and followed You.” **29**Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel’s sake, **30**[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MARK+10%3A17-31&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24619c)]but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MARK+10%3A17-31&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24619d)]the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life. **31**But many *who are* first will be last, and the last, first.”

**LUKE 18:18-30 - The Rich Young Ruler**

**18**A ruler questioned Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” **19**And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. **20**You know the commandments, ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’” **21**And he said, “All these things I have kept from *my* youth.” **22**When Jesus heard *this*, He said to him, “One thing you still lack; sell all that you possess and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” **23**But when he had heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. **24**And Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God! **25**For it is easier for a camel to [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=LUKE+18%3A18-30&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-25714a)]go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” **26**They who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” **27**But He said, “The things that are impossible with people are possible with God.”

**28**Peter said, “Behold, we have left [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=LUKE+18%3A18-30&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-25717b)]our own *homes* and followed You.” **29**And He said to them, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, **30**who will not receive many times as much at this time and in the age to come, eternal life.”

**Overview**

A rich young ruler comes to Jesus and asks what he needs to do to have eternal life. Jesus first points him to the commandments of Moses; but then leads him to understand that it is actually his heart that must be surrendered. The ruler went away sorrowful because he couldn't have it all both here and hereafter. Peter speaks up once again, wondering how he and his fellow disciples would be rewarded for their sacrifices. Jesus assures him that it will be worth it all.

**Lesson Goals**

At the conclusion of this lesson, students should:

1. Understand that emphasis on earthly riches hinders us in our Christian lives.

2. Realize that giving is more important than getting.

3. Choose to serve God first and foremost, and let Him take care of the rewards.

**Teaching Outline**

**1. The Hindrance of Riches**

A. The rich man was self-righteous.

B. The rich man was selfish.

C. The rich man was sorrowful.

**2. The Hope of Reward**

A. What will we give?

B. What will we gain?

**3. The Hundredfold Restoration**

A. Reward in the present life.

B. Reward in the future life.

**1 TIMOTHY 6:6-10 - 6**But godliness *actually* is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. **7**For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. **8**If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. **9**But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. **10**For the love of money is a root of all [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+TIMOTHY+6%3A6-10&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-29799a)]sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

**2 CHRONICLES 1:7-12 - 7**In that night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, “Ask what I shall give you.”

**8**Solomon said to God, “You have dealt with my father David with great lovingkindness, and have made me king in his place. **9**Now, O Lord God, Your [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+CHRONICLES+1%3A7-12&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-11204a)]promise to my father David is fulfilled, for You have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth. **10**Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people, for who can rule this great people of Yours?” **11**God said to Solomon, “Because [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+CHRONICLES+1%3A7-12&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-11206b)]you had this in mind, and did not ask for riches, wealth or honor, or the life of those who hate you, nor have you even asked for long life, but you have asked for yourself wisdom and knowledge that you may rule My people over whom I have made you king, **12**wisdom and knowledge have been granted to you. And I will give you riches and wealth and honor, [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+CHRONICLES+1%3A7-12&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-11207c)]such as none of the kings who were before you has possessed nor those who will [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+CHRONICLES+1%3A7-12&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-11207d)]come after you.”

**LUKE 18:9-14 -** T**he Pharisee and the Publican**

**9**And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: **10**“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **11**The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. **12**I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ **13**But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, be [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=LUKE+18%3A9-14&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-25702a)]merciful to me, the sinner!’ **14**I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**2 CORINTHIANS 10:12 - 12**For we are not bold to class or compare ourselves with [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+CORINTHIANS+10%3A12&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-28984a)]some of those who commend themselves; but when they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding.

**PHILIPPIANS 3:4-6 - 4**although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: **5**circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; **6**as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

**PHILIPPIANS 3:7-10 - 7**But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. **8**More than that, I count all things to be loss [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PHILIPPIANS+3%3A7-10&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-29430a)]in view of the surpassing value of [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PHILIPPIANS+3%3A7-10&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-29430b)]knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PHILIPPIANS+3%3A7-10&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-29430c)]for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, **9**and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith, **10**that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PHILIPPIANS+3%3A7-10&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-29432d)]the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

**1 TIMOTHY 1:15 - 15**It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost *of all*.

**REVELATION 3:14-18 - Message to Laodicea - 14**“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=REVELATION+3%3A14-18&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30762a)]Beginning of the creation of God, says this: **15**‘I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.**16**So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=REVELATION+3%3A14-18&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30764b)]spit you out of My mouth. **17**Because you say, “I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,” and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, **18**I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and *that* the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.

**PSALM 51:17 -** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

**MATTHEW 6:21 -** for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**ECCLESIASTES 2:4-11 - 4**I enlarged my works: I built houses for myself, I planted vineyards for myself; **5**I made gardens and parks for myself and I planted in them all kinds of fruit trees; **6**I made ponds of water for myself from which to irrigate a forest of growing trees. **7**I bought male and female slaves and I had [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ECCLESIASTES+2%3A4-11&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-17341a)]homeborn slaves. Also I possessed flocks and herds larger than all who preceded me in Jerusalem. **8**Also, I collected for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I provided for myself male and female singers and the pleasures of men—many concubines.

**9**Then I became great and increased more than all who preceded me in Jerusalem. My wisdom also stood by me. **10**All that my eyes desired I did not refuse them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart was pleased because of all my labor and this was my reward for all my labor. **11**Thus I considered all my activities which my hands had done and the labor which I had [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ECCLESIASTES+2%3A4-11&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-17345b)]exerted, and behold all was [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ECCLESIASTES+2%3A4-11&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-17345c)]vanity and striving after wind and there was no profit under the sun.

**PSALM 16:11 -** You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

**MATTHEW 6:19-21 - 19**“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. **20**But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; **21**for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 - 58**Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in* vain in the Lord.

**HEBREWS 6:10 - 10**For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=HEBREWS+6%3A10&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30055a)]saints.

**PSALM 73:1-20 -** Surely God is good to Israel, To those who are pure in heart! **2**But as for me, my feet came close to stumbling,

My steps [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15023a)]had almost slipped. **3**For I was envious of the [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15024b)]arrogant *As* I saw the prosperity of the wicked. **4**For there are no pains in their death, And their [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15025c)]body is fat. **5**They are not [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15026d)]in trouble *as other* [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15026e)]men, Nor are they plagued [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15026f)]like mankind. **6**Therefore pride is their necklace; The garment of violence covers them. **7**Their eye [[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15028g)]bulges from fatness; The imaginations of *their* heart [[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15028h)]run riot. **8**They mock and [[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15029i)]wickedly speak of oppression; They speak from on high. **9**They have set their mouth [[j](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15030j)]against the heavens, And their tongue [[k](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15030k)]parades through the earth. **10**Therefore [[l](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15031l)]his people return to this place,

And waters of abundance are [[m](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15031m)]drunk by them. **11**They say, “How does God know? And is there knowledge [[n](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15032n)]with the Most High?” **12**Behold, these are the wicked; And always at ease, they have increased *in* wealth. **13**Surely in vain I have [[o](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15034o)]kept my heart pure And washed my hands in innocence; **14**For I have been stricken all day long And [[p](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15035p)]chastened every morning. **15**If I had said, “I will speak thus,” Behold, I would have betrayed the generation of Your children. **16**When I pondered to understand this,

It was [[q](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15037q)]troublesome in my sight **17**Until I came into the [[r](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15038r)]sanctuary of God; *Then* I perceived their end. **18**Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to [[s](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15039s)]destruction. **19**How they are [[t](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15040t)]destroyed in a moment! They are utterly swept away by sudden terrors! **20**Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when aroused, You will despise their [[u](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=PSALM+73%3A1-20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-15041u)]form.

**MATTHEW 10:7-8 - 7**And as you go, [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+10%3A7-8&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23425a)]preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+10%3A7-8&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23425b)]is at hand.’ **8**Heal *the* sick, raise *the* dead, cleanse *the* lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.

 **1 CORINTHIANS 2:9 - 9**but just as it is written, “Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And *which* have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him.”

**ISAIAH 64:4 -** For from days of old they have not heard or perceived by ear, Nor has the eye seen a God besides You, Who acts in behalf of the one who waits for Him.

**PSALM 31:19 -** How great is Your goodness, Which You have stored up for those who fear You, Which You have wrought for those who take refuge in You, Before the sons of men!

**LUKE 6:38 - 8**Give, and it will be given to you. They will [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=LUKE+6%3A38&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-25185a)]pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, *and* running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”

**JOHN 10:9-10 - 9**I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. **10**The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=JOHN+10%3A9-10&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-26492a)]have *it* abundantly.

**MATTHEW 6:22-34 - 22**“The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+6%3A22-34&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23305a)]clear, your whole body will be full of light. **23**But if your eye is [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+6%3A22-34&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23306b)]bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

**24**“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+6%3A22-34&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23307c)]wealth.

**The Cure for Anxiety**

**25**“For this reason I say to you, [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+6%3A22-34&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23308d)]do not be worried about your [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+6%3A22-34&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23308e)]life, *as to* what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? **26**Look at the birds of the [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+6%3A22-34&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23309f)]air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and *yet* your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? **27**And who of you by being worried can add a *single*[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+6%3A22-34&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23310g)]hour to his [[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+6%3A22-34&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23310h)]life? **28**And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, **29**yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. **30**But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, *will He* not much more *clothe* you? You of little faith! **31**Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’ **32**For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33**But [[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+6%3A22-34&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23316i)]seek first [[j](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+6%3A22-34&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23316j)]His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be [[k](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+6%3A22-34&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23316k)]added to you.

**34**“So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will [[l](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+6%3A22-34&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23317l)]care for itself. [[m](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+6%3A22-34&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23317m)]Each day has enough trouble of its own.

**LUKE19:10 - 10**For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

**2 PETER 3:9 - 9**The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

**JOHN 7:37-39 - 37**Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=JOHN+7%3A37-39&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-26366a)]If anyone is thirsty, [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=JOHN+7%3A37-39&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-26366b)]let him come to Me and drink. **38**He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=JOHN+7%3A37-39&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-26367c)]his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’” **39**But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**MATTHEW 6:24 - 24**“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+6%3A24&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23307a)]wealth.

**MATTHEW 25:34 - 34**“Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

**ROMANS 8:16-18 - 16**The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, **17**and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

**18**For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

**MEMORY VERSE**

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.”

**Malachi 3:10**

**Study Questions**

1. What did Jesus mean when He said it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get into heaven?

2. What was meant by I wish you were either hot or cold? (Revelation 3:15-16)

3. In your own words, describe self-righteousness.

4. Write out 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58.

5. When the rich young ruler was challenged to give up his riches for the sake of true righteousness, he experienced some emotional turmoil. What words in the gospels describe his emotional state?

6. Tell about a time when you understood God asking you to give but were reluctant.

7. Tell of a time when you gave, and God out-gave you.

8. To what does Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit? (Romans 8:16-18)