

**Ephesians 1:13** “And you also were included in Christ when you heard the Word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.”

**Ephesians 1:14** “Who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession – to the praise of His glory.”

**The Missed Opportunity**  
**Mark 10:17-31**  
**Lesson #40**  
**6/7/26**

**I. Jesus was approached by a man.**

**Mark 10:17a** “As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to Him and fell on his knees before Him. ...”

**A. This man was in the prime of his life.**

**B. This man had position and status.**

**Luke 18:18** “A certain ruler asked Him, Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life.”

**C. This man had great wealth and possessions.**

**II. Jesus addressed the question of this man!**

**A. Jesus corrected the man concerning who is good.**

**Mark 10:17b** “... “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

**Mark 10:18** “Why do you call Me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone.”

**Romans 3:10** “As it is written: “There is no one righteous, no even one.”

**Romans 3:12** “All have turned away; they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good not even one.”

**B. Jesus covered five of the ten commandments.**

**Mark 10:19** “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.’”

**Matthew 19:19b** “... love your neighbor as yourself.”

## **B. Jesus listened as this man claimed to be obedient.**

**Mark 10:20** “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

**James 2:10** “For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.”

**Matthew 6:24** “No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

**Galatians 2:16** “Know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So, we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.”

**Galatians 3:24** “So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.”

## **C. Jesus confronted the man with the truth.**

**Mark 10:21** “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.”

**Romans 3:23** “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

**Mark 10:22** “At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.”

## **III. Jesus assessed the response of this man!**

### **A. Jesus pointed to a Jewish proverb.**

**Mark 10:23** “Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

**Mark 10:24** “The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is<sup>[e]</sup> to enter the kingdom of God!”

**Mark 10:25** “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.”

**Mark 10:26** “The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

## **B. Jesus proclaimed the miracle of salvation.**

**Mark 10:27** “Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but NOT with God; all things are possible with God.”

## **C. Jesus promised major blessings in the future.**

**Mark 10:28** “Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

**Mark 10:29** “I tell you the truth,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel.”

**Mark 10:30** “Will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions)—and in the age to come eternal life.”

**Mark 10:31** “But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

## **How can we apply this lesson to our life?**

### **A. Evaluate your faith.**

**Isaiah 64:6** “All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags, we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.”

**Ephesians 2:8** “For by grace have you been saved through faith, it is the gift of God,<sup>[9]</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

### **B. Entrust your soul to Jesus.**

**John 6:28** “Then they asked Him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

**John 6:29** “Jesus answered, “The work of God is this to believe in the One He has sent.”

**Romans 4:5** “However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.”

### **C. Express your praise to God.**