

LESSONS FROM THE RICH YOUNG RULER

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-22

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Introduction:

1. E.g. forgetting medicine on road trip.
2. The Rich Young Ruler lacked only one thing to be made right with God.

I. THE ALL-IMPORTANT QUESTION

A. THE QUESTION -vs. 17

1. What must I do to inherit eternal life?
2. All other questions deal with life itself. This one deals with life beyond!

B. THE ANSWER -vs. 18, 19

1. The answer is found in Scripture; the OT
2. During the time of conversation, the OT was still in effect.
3. Today the answer is still contained in Scripture; the NT

II. THE ALL-IMPORTANT ANSWER

A. HE KEPT ALL THE COMMANDS FROM HIS YOUTH

1. Solomon advised this -Ec 12:1-ff
2. What he did was good.

B. HE STILL LACKED ONE THING

1. He had to sell his possessions and give to the poor. He would then have treasures in heaven
2. He went away sorrowful for he had great possessions.

III. THE ALL-IMPORTANT APPLICATION

A. WE NEED TO ASK THE QUESTION

1. If we never obeyed the gospel -Ro 6:4; 2Th 1:8
2. As Christians, we test ourselves whether we are in the faith -2Co 13:5

B. WE NEED TO KNOW WHERE TO FIND THE ANSWERS

1. Knowing the Scriptures to lead someone to salvation
2. Knowing the Scriptures to keep ourselves in check -Ja 1:21-ff

C. WE NEED TO PREPARE TO ACCEPT THE ANSWER

1. The world gives a variety of answers that sound good to the ear.
2. We must give earnest heed to what the Scriptures say.
 - a. Sinner's prayer is not found in Scripture.
 - b. Salvation after baptism is -Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38

Conclusion:

1. The Rich Young Ruler was not prepared for the words of Jesus.
2. We must have an open and honest heart when hearing the word of God.