



1. Why is it critical to understand that people can *think* they have salvation in Jesus when they don't?

2. Read **Luke 18:18-19**. Why does Jesus respond to this ruler in this way? _____

a. Be totally honest with yourself, from 1-10 (10 is perfect), in general – how do you view yourself when it comes to being a “good person?” _____

b. How should the following verses shape the way you view yourself? And, why is this spiritually *beneficial*? **Colossians 1:21, Romans 8:7-8, Romans 7:18.** _____

3. Read **Luke 18:20**. Why doesn't Jesus respond by simply saying “believe in me”? How should this impact your evangelistic efforts? _____

a. Why does Jesus specifically bring up God's commands? Consider **Romans 7:7, 13; 3:19-20; Galatians 3:24-26.** _____

4. Read **Luke 18:21-30**. Why is it important to focus on “heart-obedience” over “outward-obedience” when it comes to understanding my spiritual state? _____

a. Read **Exodus 20:3**. What does Jesus reveal about the rich young ruler? _____

b. Why is my obedience to the other commandments *not actually obedience* if I'm breaking the 1st commandment? Consider **1 Corinthians 10:31**. _____

5. Read **Luke 16:13**. Why can money be extremely dangerous for my spiritual well-being? _____

6. Respond to the following tests to understand if money is keeping you from Jesus or leading you away currently:

a. **The Anxiety Test** – How often are you thinking about and worry about your money? What is this telling you? _____

b. **The Envy/Resentment Test** – Are you envious of others who have more than you currently? Explain. What is this telling you? _____

c. **The Spender Test** – What role does shopping and buying new things play in your motivation for living? How much and how often do you find yourself “needing” to shop and buy new things? What is this telling you? _____

d. **The Miser (Scrooge) Test** – How much of your life motivation is driven by “not” spending? By holding back and saving and accumulating? What is this telling you? _____

7. How is Jesus the BETTER rich young ruler for us? _____

a. How will you grow in appreciating Jesus more fully after studying this passage in God's Word?