

You're Not Good Enough

Jesus' Plan for Salvation

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Mark 10:17-31 (NIV)

¹⁷As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone.” ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” ²¹Jesus 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.” ²²At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. ²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁵It 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.” ²⁶The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.” ²⁸Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!” ²⁹“Truly I tell you,” 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 ³⁰will 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.” ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

- **Money and success are not the answers!** (vs. 17-22; 1 Timothy 6:10; Luke 18:18)

“I think everybody should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so they can see that it's not the answer.” Jim Carrey

- **It is good to be successful and right with those around you, but it's not good enough. You must be right with God!** (vs. 21-27; Exodus 20:1-8)

*His horizontal relationships ‘seemed’ to be good,
but his vertical relationship was not!*

- **Who or what you serve is the real issue. Do you have money, or does your money have you?** (vs. 23-25; Matthew 6:19-24)

*“The issue was not that he was wealthy,
but that money had become his god and success was his idol.”*

- **No one is good and the only path to eternal life is through Jesus!** (vs. 17-18, 26-31; Romans 3:10-12, 23; Romans 6:23; Romans 5:9)

Will you leave it all behind to follow Jesus?