

**What Shall I Do to Inherit Eternal Life?**  
**Part Two: How Good Do I Have to Be to Go to Heaven?**  
**Matthew 19:16-22**

<sup>16</sup> Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?"  
<sup>17</sup> So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." <sup>18</sup> He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, " 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' <sup>19</sup> 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' " <sup>20</sup> The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." <sup>22</sup> But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

**#1. The rich young ruler came genuinely seeking eternal life (V.16)**

- Mark 10:17; Mark 10:22; Luke 18:23
- Carl Sagan *"I would love to believe that when I die I will live again, that some thinking, feeling, remembering part of me will continue. But as much as I want to believe that... I know of nothing that suggests that it is more than wishful thinking"*

**Do you have eternal life or are you genuinely lost?**

**#2. The rich young ruler sought out the right Person and asked the right question (V.16)**

- The Old Testament Scriptures – John 5:39
- The works or requirements of the Law – Galatians 2:11-16
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Other religions or ways to heaven – John 14:6

**Has Jesus given you eternal life or have you tried to come some other way?**

**#3. The rich young ruler, sadly, did not know who Jesus was (Vv.16-17)**

- Romans 10:9; Romans 6:23; Acts 4:12

**Do you know Jesus as Lord and Savior?**