

What Shall I Do to Inherit Eternal Life?
Part Three: Are You Drowning in Your Own Good Works?
Matthew 19:16-22

¹⁶ Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" ¹⁷ 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." ¹⁸ 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,*' ¹⁹ '*Honor your father and your mother,*' and, '*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*' " ²⁰ The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" ²¹ 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." ²² But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

#1. God is the standard of good. (V.17)

- God is eternally Holy (Isaiah 6:3)
- God is eternally Just (Deuteronomy 32:3-4)
- God is eternally Love (1 John 4:7)

Do you see God for who He is by nature – good?

#2. God's Holy Law is the standard which reveals that no one is good. (Vv.17-22)

- Romans 3:20
- Galatians 3:22-25
- James 4:17

Has the Word of God revealed your need for Jesus?

#3. Are you drowning in your good deeds like the young religious ruler? (V.22)

- Isaiah 64:6
- Romans 3:10-19
- Philippians 3:6-9

Are you drowning in good works or are you resting in Jesus to save you?