

## **The Hard Answer**

**“Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments:**

**‘Do not commit adultery,’**

**‘Do not murder,’**

**‘Do not steal,’**

**‘Do not bear false witness,’**

**‘Do not defraud,’**

**‘Honor your father and your mother.’ ”**

**And he answered and said to Him,**

**“Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.” Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor,**

**and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.”**  
**But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!”** And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, **“Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”** And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, **“Who then can be saved?”** But Jesus looked at them and said, **“With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.”**

**Then Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You.” So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.”**

**Mark 10:17-30 NKJV**

**1. Earthly riches are not the answer to our deepest questions.**

**Why did he come to Jesus in the first place? He wasn’t poor. He wasn’t sick. He wasn’t demonically oppressed. He didn’t have a sick child.**

**HE HAD A TROUBLED SOUL**

**““Come to Me, all who are weary and heavily burdened [by religious rituals that provide no peace], and I will give you rest [refreshing your souls with salvation]. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me [following Me as My disciple], for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest (renewal, blessed quiet) for your souls. For My yoke is easy [to bear] and My burden is light.””**

**Matthew 11:28-30 AMP**

**2. You can measure the hold that something has over you by how you react when God tells you to let it go.**

**“—for by whatever anyone is defeated and overcome, to that [person, thing, philosophy, or concept] he is continually enslaved.”**

**2 Peter 2:19 AMP**

**3. Just because your not walking in sin,  
doesn't mean that you're automatically  
walking in surrender.**

**I want to keep what I have.**

**But what I keep can't give me what I  
really want.**

**It's sad when someone gets so close and  
then turns away.**

**It's sad when someone says, "I won't  
follow you, if this is what it means."**