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Pastor: Lord, in the choices of what we do, what we see, the friendships we foster and the ways we cultivate them,

Congregation: Your will be done.

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Pastor: Lord, in sifting through our dreams and ambitions, our career choices, our list of priorities, and our goals for ourselves and our families.

Congregation: Your will, your perfect will be done, as we live to Christ's glory. AMEN!

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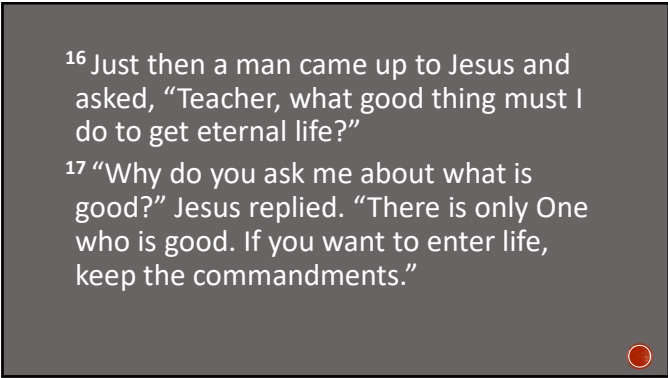
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MATTHEW 19:16-30

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¹⁶ Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?"

¹⁷ "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments."

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¹⁸ “Which ones?” he inquired.

Jesus replied, “You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, ¹⁹ honor your father and mother,’ and ‘love your neighbor as yourself.”

²⁰ “All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?”



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²¹ Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²² When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.



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²³ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it 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.”

²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, “Who then can be saved?”



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²⁶ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

²⁷ Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?"

²⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

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²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first."

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MARK 8:34-38

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³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

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³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

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1 Peter 2: 9-17

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⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



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¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.



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¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.



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¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. ¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

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Philippians 2:1-7

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Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

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³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

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⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

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PHILIPPIANS 3:1-8

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Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. ² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—

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⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

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⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ.

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Self-Denial is not about trying to earn your way to heaven.

- ❖ You cannot earn your way to heaven.
- ❖ The rich man asked Jesus how he could earn His way to heaven



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- ❖ Jesus talks about obedience to God's commandments.
- ❖ The love of money was the rich man's struggle.
- ❖ Jesus said give up all that you have to those who lack it.
- ❖ The man went away sad.



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Jesus Asks us to Deny ourselves.

- ❖ Take up the cross. (The cause of Christ).
- ❖ Follow Jesus teachings'
- ❖ We must give up my desires and ambitions to God.



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We shouldn't be ashamed.

- ❖ To share the good news with others.
- ❖ To be willing to live by God's standards because we love him.
- ❖ To put others above myself because people matter to God.
- ❖ If we deny God, He will deny us.



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You are chosen by God for a purpose

- ❖ You are special to God.
- ❖ God called you out of your sin and your sinful nature.
- ❖ Denying yourself of things that are harmful.



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Denial is necessary to be complete

- ❖ The sinful nature and God's nature cannot co-exist.
- ❖ In order to have the same mindset as God.



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- ❖ To receive encouragement, comfort, and peace from God's love
- ❖ To be able to truly love others.
- ❖ To truly be able to love yourself.



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All that this world offers doesn't compare to God.

- ❖ education.
- ❖ wealth and materialism.
- ❖ all accomplishments are empty if God isn't in it.



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