

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: The Start of Something Better
Message: Same Old Us
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The wealthy, young religious leader was aware of something missing in his life and was eager to get help. He was really close to finding it, but he resisted when saying “yes” to God meant saying “no” to his lifestyle.

This is the only time we see Jesus challenge someone to *“sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor.”* In this case, He did because He knew the young man’s true God was his possessions, privilege, and position.

Take some time to think about your life right now. Is there anything you are holding onto that you know God isn’t pleased with? It could be similar to the man in the story. Maybe it is a habit or “secret” sin you don’t think is a big deal. Maybe, you are holding onto a grudge or grievance and unwilling to forgive. It could be your pride is keeping you from admitting fault and asking another’s forgiveness.

- Pray and ask God what He sees.
- Search the Bible for direction.
- Ask a trusted friend who follows Jesus if you need help.
- Choose to follow what you learn that God wants.
- Trust Him to care for you and give you all you need to live a full and whole life.
- Doing this will lead to real life without regret - now and forever.

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Psalm 139:23–24 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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⁹ The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? ¹⁰ But I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve.

Jeremiah 17:9–10 (NLT)

God loves us too much to not show us the truth.

He also loves us too much to not show us a way out.

¹⁷ As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸ “Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked. “Only God is truly good. ¹⁹ But to answer your question, you know the commandments: ‘You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.’”

²⁰ “Teacher,” the man replied, “I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was young.”

²¹ Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²² At this the man’s face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!” ²⁴ This amazed them. But Jesus said again, “Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God. ²⁵ In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!”

²⁶ The disciples were astounded. “Then who in the world can be saved?” they asked.

²⁷ Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God.”

Mark 10:17–27 (NLT)

This man made two good choices and one very poor one.

He asked a great question.

He asked the right person.

He got the right answer...

...but he made a poor choice.

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