



LESSON 109 MARK 10:17-27

17Now 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?" **18**So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. **19**"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.' " **20**And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth." **21**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." **22**But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

23Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" **24**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! **25**"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." **26**And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?" **27**But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

1. Matthew 19:20 and Luke 18:18 give more description of this man. What do you find out about this man from these other passages?
- b. What kind of character did this young man have?
2. What did the young man think of Jesus?
3. By running to Jesus, what did the young man indicate?
4. What was the point Jesus was making in remarking "none is good but God?"
5. In verse 19, Jesus begins quoting the last half of the 10 commandments, rather than the first. Why?
6. Jesus did not mention the commandment, "Remember the sabbath...", why didn't the Holy Spirit have Jesus question him about that?
7. "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth." **21**Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him... Why was His love prompted?
8. How did Jesus know the one thing the man lacked?

Answers

1. He was young, a ruler which meant he was influential in the synagogue leadership, and very rich.
 - b. He was eager to learn more about spiritual things. How interested are you to learn about spiritual things?

He showed humbleness by kneeling before Jesus. Do you kneel in your heart before Jesus? Do you want to hear Him? As Mary, Martha, and others (Luke 10:39), do you sit at His feet to learn from Him?

He showed Jesus honor by his kneeling to Him. How do you show Jesus honor?

He makes a sincere request for more knowledge and understanding. Are you asking the Lord to increase your knowledge and understanding of His Word and principles every day?

He had studied the Old Testament. In verse 19, Jesus said about him, "You know the commandments..." Like this young man, are you studying the Word regularly, more than you get at church? After all, we can't grow spiritually if we don't eat proper spiritual food regularly.

The young man had integrity in his dealings with his fellowman. He had not stolen, committed adultery, defraud anyone, etc. As a Christian, are you a person of integrity?

2. He came to Jesus, knelt before Him and called Him "good Teacher." The young man honored Jesus as a Rabbi and showed Him respect.

3. He represents one of the "little ones" discussed two lessons ago. He was eager to hear what this Teacher would say. He was anxious to learn the answer to his question. Even though Jesus had His face toward Jerusalem and the cross (10:32), He still took time to teach one of the little ones about how to enter the kingdom of God.

4. The young man only believed that Jesus was a good Man. Jesus doesn't allow him to stay in that position. It is not enough to believe that Jesus is a good Man or a great Teacher. Jesus must be recognized and accepted as Lord and Savior, the Messiah, The Holy One sent from heaven to save us.

The young man would have known Psalm 14:1,3 which say there is none that is righteous or does good without fault. God is the only One Who does good all the time and does no wrong. Jesus said to the young man, "You must hear Me as God, if you call Me good." By bringing this to his attention, Jesus hoped the young man would understand that he was kneeling before the promised Messiah, God in the flesh, the One scriptures said would come "to save His people from their sins," and the One the people had long waited for. To emphasize that, Jesus turns the man's attention to the scriptures: Exodus 20.

5. The Holy Spirit told Him to start there. We will see His reason for that in verses 20-21.

6. He knew the man was a ruler of the synagogue, so his attendance would be exemplary.

7. Jesus had God's love for the children of men and wanted him to come into right relationship with His Father through Him. No doubt, He also saw Himself as a boy in this young man's testimony of his past devotion to God. What potential He saw in him--to know the Lord, to follow Him, to gain eternal life and have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, to have the continued fellowship with the Son

of God, the Messiah, both now and forever.

8. The Holy Spirit revealed it to Jesus by a word of knowledge (1 Cor 12:8), which is a spiritual gift where the Spirit of God reveals information supernaturally to a person. (Other examples of this gift are found in Matt 16:15-17 Peter was told something the Father revealed to him, Acts 9:11 Ananias of Damascus is told specific information to find Saul of Tarsus, 5:3 Peter is told that a man (Ananias of Jerusalem) and his wife have lied about the money they brought as an offering, Matt 1:20-21 Joseph is told that the Child Mary is carrying had been conceived by God, Matt 2:13 Joseph is told Herod will seek to kill the Christ Child, John 1:33 John the Baptist was told he would see a dove remain on the One Who would be the Messiah, the Lamb of God, Acts 10:19 On the roof praying, Peter is told by the Holy Spirit that three men have come to take him to the house of Cornelius, a Roman centurion, and that he was to go with them to take the good news of Jesus Christ to them. Beside the word of knowledge, there are many other spiritual gifts, listed in 1 Cor 12, Eph 4, Rom 12:3-21, 1 Peter 4:11-12.

Next lesson we'll look at the rest of this passage.

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