

## Your Accomplishments What Would Jesus Say? August 21, 2022

Mark 10:17-22 (NIV) As Jesus started on His way, a man ran up to Him and fell on his knees before Him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”<sup>18</sup> “Why do you call Me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone.<sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’<sup>20</sup> “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”<sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” He said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me.”<sup>22</sup> At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Tertullian: “Just as Christ was crucified between two thieves, so this doctrine of justification is ever crucified between two opposite errors.”

### Why did the rich young ruler miss eternal life?

- **He believed that he was good enough.**

Dwight L. Moody: “God sends no one away empty except those who are full of themselves.”

Pastor Roy Ratcliff: “He showed great courage in his daring to ask the question, ‘Is heaven for me, too?’ I think many people are resentful of him for asking that question. But he dared to ask, and he dared to believe the answer.”

- **He loved the little things in this world too much.**

C. S. Lewis: “It would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

Philippians 3:7-8 (NIV) But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.<sup>8</sup> 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.

Mark 10:13-15 (NIV) People were bringing little children to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them.<sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.<sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”