



**What's  
Missing  
in Your Life?**

## Mark 10:17-27 KJV

[17] And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? [18] And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is , God. [19] Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. [20] And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. [21] Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. [22] And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. [23] And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! [24] And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into 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 into the kingdom of God. [26] And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved? [27] And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

In this passage, the wealthy man's sin was covetousness. Jesus wanted him to see this by telling him to sell all that he had and put God at the forefront of his life, knowing the wealthy man would not want to give up his possessions because of his misguided focus. The man wanted salvation on his own terms not on God's term. (Note: this is the only man in scripture who came to Jesus but ended up rejecting the gift of God and turned away)

## The Wealthy Man Rejected Jesus for 3 Reasons:

1. His unbelief
2. His self righteousness
3. He loved the world



## Some Lessons to Take From This Passage:

1. You can have everything the world has to offer, yet something missing in your heart.
2. Our love and desire for material things can cause us to miss the most important things.
3. The gift of eternal life is not the result of our good conduct.
4. Jesus loves us even when we make the wrong choices in life.
5. Jesus acknowledges that it is difficult for the wealthy to enter the kingdom of God.
6. Jesus declares that with God all things are possible including entering the kingdom of God (salvation)

You can't take any of the material possessions with you that you've spent a lifetime acquiring. All the gold and riches that were ever created since the beginning of time are still here on the earth passing from generation to generation reteaching this lesson over and over.

Focusing on possessions is very short term thinking because our entire life and all that we've acquired is just a vapor when compared to eternity, here today, gone tomorrow. A longer term view is to look at what we acquire that will last for all eternity.

Wealth can be slow intoxication and eventually can become your God, even the righteous can succumb to this.

1 John 2:15-17 KJV

[15] Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. [16] For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. [17] And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.