

# The Rich Young Ruler

Mark 10:17-31

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# Mark 10:17-31 (ESV)

17 And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'"



# Mark 10:17-31 (ESV)

20 And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." 21 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." 22 Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.



# Mark 10:17-31 (ESV)

23 And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!



# Mark 10:17-31 (ESV)

25 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 And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."



# Who is the Rich Young Ruler?

- Jewish
- Religious and morally upright
- Rich and favoured by God
- Seeking validation that his law-keeping will save him
- Someone who power, influence & status



# 3 Traps of the Rich Young Ruler

1. Trap of legalism
2. Trap of greed and materialism
3. Trap of idolatry



# 1. Trap of legalism

Mark 10:20

“Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.”

Romans 3:23

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”



## 2. Trap of greed and materialism

Mark 10:21-22

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## 2. Trap of greed and materialism

Mark 10:25

“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”



# 3. Trap of idolatry

Mark 10:21

“And Jesus, looking at him, loved him”



# 1. With man it is impossible

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## 2. God makes it possible

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## 2. God makes it possible

Psalm 37:4

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.



# 3. The invitation to discipleship

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"You lack one thing: ... Come, follow me."



# 3. The invitation to discipleship

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



# Mastering Faith Conversations

1. With man it is impossible
2. God makes it possible
3. The Invitation to discipleship



# Conclusion

Who is God calling you to walk alongside in their discipleship journey?

What can you share to encourage them?

How can you commit to praying for them?