

A Poor Rich Man

I. The Man's Good Traits

Mark 10:17

Ran – eager to learn

Knelt – humility

Asked – reveals attitude, desires

Good Teacher – respect

What shall I do – need; readiness

Eternal life – being rich is not enough

Mark 10:18

“Why call Me good?”

- . If Jesus is good, He is God

Mark 10:19-20

You know the commandments

- . The man is a student of God's law

All these things I have kept...

- . Common view of rabbis...

Mark 10:21

Loved him – lovable. What does love do?

Lacked one thing. Lk.10:42; Ja.2:10

Follow Me (1:16-17)

Mark 10:22

Went away: too wedded to earth...

Had it all (riches ... youth ... position)
except most important thing

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One flaw is enough to condemn, 21

18: If Jesus is good, He is God

19-20: knew commandments, but memory
work is no substitute for obedience

20: self-deception

21: partial obedience

Loved him . . . One thing you lack

Mt.13:44, 45-46

Ac.2:44-45; 4:32-37; 1 Tim.6:18-19

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22: walking civil war: sad; left sorrowful

- Going away: sign he had turned riches into an idol
- 1st command . . .
- Desire is not enough

23: grieved: riches over righteousness

- Who is the saddest of men?

Shallow spiritual life, 18

Wants eternal life along with an idol

- Respectable worldliness
 - He did not murder, steal, etc., but...
 - He did not love God, Mk.12:30
- He walked away knowing where he stood.

Shallow spiritual life, 18

Wants eternal life with an idol

- Respectable worldliness
- Riches and the heart . . .
 - Expose heart, Dt.8:2-3
 - Weaken heart, Dt.8:5-10
 - Lift up heart, Dt.8:11-16
 - Deceive heart, Dt.8:17
 - Don't forget your raising, 18-20 (1-2)
 - Mt.6:19-21

Shallow spiritual life, 18

- Mt.6:19-21 . . .
 - 19: Oriental wealth
 - 20: true treasures:
 - Moth-proof
 - Rust-proof
 - Burglar-proof
 - 21: either-or proposition (24, mammon)

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III. The Man's Sad Torment

“Tormented before time”

- Knows he is lost, yet does nothing
- Will lose possessions...and heaven, too
 - Ja.1:9-11
 - Exaltation: boast of spiritual treasures.
Lk.16
 - Humiliation: be warned by your brevity.
Lk.12

Four classes of people with possessions

1. **Rich** in world's goods, poor toward God
2. Poor in this world, **rich** toward God
3. Poor in this world, and poor in next
4. **Rich** (hold to world's good with loose hand) and **rich** in next world, too

Conclusion – Q & A sequence

23: covet; great temptations; false security...

24: shock therapy: 'You heard Me right'

25: startling pronouncement

26: disciples: even more amazed

27: possible only with God. 1 Tim.6:17-19

28: disciples did what RYR failed to do
(Ac.3:6)

29-31: world's upside down thinking

The coming financial crisis

- Expect to lose retirement savings, IRA, etc.
- Hb.10:32-34
 - *Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer*