

Four Questions From A Young Man

Matthew 19:16-22

(p 1135)

Mark 10:17-22

(p 1165)

Luke 18:18-23

(p 1208)



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What good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?

- *Can we do a “good thing” to have eternal life?*
- *Justification by works.*
- *The THING to do is “keep the commandments” (v17)*
- *Not a magic solution*



Eternal life is not gained by our works of salvation but the salvation of our works

‘Keep the commandments’ requires a heart that is willing to do whatever the Lord ask.

- **Work out your salvation**

Philippians 2:12 (p 1349)

- **Do the will of the Father**

Matthew 7:21 (p 1118)

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Which ones?

He first wants to know what good thing He can do – now he limits the commandments to what he feels may be the bare minimum.

- *“I will serve God on my terms”*
- *Which ones has God ever excluded?*



Jehovah has always required the keeping
of the whole law – not just in parts.

- **Tabernacle** *Hebrews 8:5 (p 1378)*
- **Noah's ark** *Hebrews 11:7 (p 1382)*
- **“Whole law”** *James 2:10 (p 1387)*

What about today?

Salvation, worship, daily living
(do the minimum)

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What lack I yet?

He felt confident in his religion ... he kept all these things from youth.

The assurance of pride set him before others in believing he had done all God required of him ... then comes the fall!



Religious pride is believing that we have done all we need to do and nothing else is needed

- **Not like other men**

Luke 18:9-14 (p 1207)

- **Look at all I do**

I come on Sunday morning ... what lack I yet?

I attend church ... what lack I yet?

I am a member of ... what lack I yet?

I have my name on the roll ... what lack I yet?

- **HE DID LACK SOMETHING (v22)**

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Why did He make it so hard?

He came asking the right question but he left because he was not willing to serve God on God's terms ...it was too much!

He left sad, grieved and very sorrowful and he left lost!



Many are not willing to follow Jesus because they have to give up too much of themselves.

- **Example of Paul**

Philippians 3:7-11 (p 1350)

- **Behold I thought ...**

2 Kings 5:11-14 (p 427)

- **Can you die for Christ**

Luke 14:25-33 (p 1203)

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**WHAT QUESTION ARE YOU
ASKING THIS MORNING?**



1 Peter 3:21

BAPTISM



now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.