

# “Choose Whom You Will Serve”

Joshua 24:14-15 NIV

“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Luke 18:18-30 (NIV)

A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>19</sup> “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

<sup>21</sup> “All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

<sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

<sup>23</sup> When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. <sup>24</sup> Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup> Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup> Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter said to him, “We have left all we had to follow you!”

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<sup>29</sup> “Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God <sup>30</sup> will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.”

Verse 18

*A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”*

### **I do**

The greek word for “inherit” could be translated “acquire” or “earn”- a measure of personal success.

WE **accomplish**

WE **achieve**

Verse 19-21

*“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’” “All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.*

Verse 22-23

*When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heave. Then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth.*

A) **Money**

B) **me**

C) **all of the above** – isn’t an option.”

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Matthew 6:24, ‘No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

1. **Money** will satisfy you.
2. **Money** means that you matter.
3. **Money** will make you secure.
4. **Money** will save you.

verse 22 “...*he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth.*”

### The **Way** of the **Cross**

Mark 8:34-38 NIV

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

Matthew Henry: *Those that are ashamed of Christ in this world where he is despised, he will be ashamed of in that world where he is eternally adored. They shall not share with him in his glory then, that were not willing to share with him in his disgrace now.*

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