

Nothing Works

Luke 18:18-26

God has designed us to find significance and value in Him alone. When we attempt to draw identity from anything else we will be driven to discouragement, but even then hope can be found.

Luke 18:18-20

A ruler questioned Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good?"

No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments,

Luke 18:20-21

"Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not bear false witness, honor your father and mother."

And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth."

Luke 18:22-23

When Jesus heard this, He said to him, "One thing you still lack; sell all that you possess and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come follow Me."

But when he had heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.

Luke 18:24-25

And Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

Luke 18:26-27

They who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But He said, "The things that are impossible with people are possible with God."

The Plan

1. The Man And His Problem

The Man

- Rich, Young, Ruler (Luke 18:18, 23, Matthew 19:20)
- Kind To Others (Luke 18:21)
- Flawed Logic (Luke 18:18)
- Desperate (Mark 10:17, Matthew 19:20, Luke 18:18)

The Problem

- Being a good person and having stuff doesn't fix us.

2. The Solution

Jesus

- Is God (Luke 18:19)
- Never too busy to listen (Mark 10:17)
- Loves (Mark 10:21)

THE Solution

- An exchange (Luke 18:22)

3. The Response

Rejection (Luke 18:23)

Hope (Luke 19:1-10)

The Rich Young Ruler only saw the cost of following Jesus, Zaccheus looked at what he'd gain.

Review

1. The Man And His Problem
2. The Solution
3. The Response

Challenge

1. The Things of the World
2. Cost or Gain?