



# NOTHING WORKS

*Luke 18:18-ff*

## *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
2. The Solution
3. The Response

# 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 Man And His Problem*

## **The Problem**

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



# The Solution

## Jesus

Is God (Luke 18:19)

Never too busy to listen (Mark 10:17)

Loves (Mark 10:21)



# *The Solution*

## THE Solution

An exchange (Luke 18:22)



# The Response

**Rejection** (Luke 18:23)

**Hope** (Luke 19:1-10)



# The Response

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?



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