

The Road to a Surrendered Life

Or – How Jesus Systematically Destroys Our Wrong Perceptions
So We Can Experience the Joy of His Kingdom

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Mark 10:17 -31

1. Acknowledge **Jesus** for who He really is

Rich man's perspective

V.17 Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life...”

Jesus Corrected Him

V 18 Jesus' answer is “No one is good—except God alone”

The first issue is to get it right – just who IS Jesus, this is the foundation of our relationship with him and the foundation of surrender. **Jesus' answer is “No one is good—except God alone”**. The heart of this scripture is not to deny the deity of Christ, but to challenge this man's assumption...many call Jesus a good man, a good prophet, a good teacher, but His heart is that we would recognize Him for who he is –God – then make all things in life subservient to Him...In essence, Jesus is saying “If you are calling me GOOD then acknowledge me as GOD”. As a matter of fact, unless the rich man was willing to acknowledge Jesus as God, then he desired from Him as a teacher (what must I do to inherit eternal life) could never be realized.

Luke 6:46 “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

The surrendered life is summed up in two questions the Apostle Paul asked:

Acts 22:8-10 “**Who are you, Lord?**” I asked. “I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting,” he replied...¹⁰“**What shall I do, Lord?**” I asked.

2. Move beyond **Knowledge** and **doing** as they are poor substitutes for surrender

Good Teacher – there is some KNOWLEDGE I am missing

He put the LORD into the role of teacher (because he thought he had some key or some piece of KNOWLEDGE that would get him what he needed...then he would go and DO it. “what I must do to inherit eternal life”).

- 2 Timothy 3:7 always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.

“What must I do” – there is something missing- something I am not DOING

This is often our attempt to ease our own conscience or feel like I am achieving The Learning, then Doing is often done in a way that is separated from Him

- Mary and Martha Syndrome – Mary chose what is better

3. Jesus lovingly **destroys** any faulty **foundation**

This man had confidence in his keeping of the commandments, but still in his heart of hearts he knew there was something missing.

Jesus is setting this guy up to rip out this false sense of security

^{v19}You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

²⁰“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

And By His grace, Jesus then goes for the jugular vein- He always gets to the heart of the matter

²¹**Jesus looked at him and loved him** “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, **sell everything** you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²²At this the man’s face fell. **He went away sad, because he had great wealth.**

With the Rich man it was as if he were building line upon line – I have these things down, I have accomplished some things, NOW – What’s next...Jesus basically said, “You haven’t even started”

4. There is **nothing** to fear in **total** surrender

Fear of Surrender causes us to miss out on the greatest blessings of life

²⁹“I tell you the truth,” Jesus replied, “**no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel** ³⁰**will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life**”