The Man Who Nearly Had it All

Matthew 19:16-30

Main Idea

Beware of having everything you want while missing the One you need

I. Your goodness cannot save you (V. 16-20)

- **16** And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” **17** And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.”

I. Your goodness cannot save you (V. 16-20)

- **18** He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said,
“You shall not murder, You shall not commit
adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear
false witness, **19** Honor your father and mother,
and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
20 The young man said to him, “All these I have
kept. What do I still lack?”

George Whitfield

- *“Before you can speak peace in your heart, you must not only be made sick of your original and actual sin, but you must be made sick of your righteousness, of all your duties and performances. There must be a deep conviction before you can be brought out of your self-righteousness; it is the last idol taken out of our heart.”*

II. Your Idols will condemn you (V. 21-22)

21 Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go,
sell what you possess and give to the poor, and
you will have treasure in heaven; and come,
follow me.” 22 When the young man heard this he
went away sorrowful, for he had great
possessions.

Application for Possessions

- Purse godliness with contentment
- Don’t love money or set your hope on possessions
- Be generous

John Wesley

“I was in the robe-chamber, adjoining the House of Lords, when the King put on his robes. His brow was much furrowed with age and quite clouded with care. And is this all the world can give even to a king? All the grandeur it can afford? A blanket of ermine round his shoulders, so heavy and cumbersome he can scarcely move under it! A huge heap of borrowed hair, with a few plates of gold and glittering stones upon his head! Alas, what a bauble (trinket) is human greatness! And even this will not endure.”

III. Your only hope is God's grace (V. 23-26)

23 And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to
you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the
kingdom of heaven. **24** Again I tell you, it is easier
for a camel to go through the eye of a needle
than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of
God." **25** When the disciples heard this, they were
greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be
saved?"

III. Your only hope is God's grace (V. 23-26)

26 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

IV. Your gain far exceeds your cost only hope is God's grace (V. 27-30)

27 Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything
and followed you. What then will we have?" 28 Jesus said
to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the
Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have
followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the
twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left
houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or
children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a
hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.

IV. Your gain far exceeds your cost only hope is God's grace (V. 27-30)

30 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.