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Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,,' 'Honor your father and your mother." And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very And when Jesus saw that he rich. became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches 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." And those who heard it sad, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."



Jesus asked this rich young ruler to not only follow the Ten Commandments, but also to sacrifice all his things and follow Jesus. How sad it was that he was right there talking with our Lord in person, and he turned and walked away because he couldn't give up his riches. Jesus said that it will be very hard for some rich people to enter the kingdom of heaven, but it is not impossible. God's power can save even a rich person. The problem with this young man was not just that he was rich, but that he loved his money and what it could buy more than he loved his God.

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A very rich young man loved his money more than He loved God.