

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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## The Rich Ruler: What Do You Love Most?

Luke 18:18-30

NOTES:

### REVIEW: Luke 18:9-17: How Humility Feeds Our Faith

Remember: The Proud Pharisee vs The Humbled Tax Collector

Our Takeaway: Humility is the foundation for our recognition of our sin, and our recognition of God's sovereignty.

### Our Obedience to God's Commandments is Evidence of Loving Jesus Most (Luke 18:18-22)

#### 1. Maintaining a Humble & Proper View of Jesus (vv. 18-19)

**Luke 18:18** *And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 19 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.*

#### 2. The Evidence: Our Obedience to the Way of Jesus (vv. 20-22)

**Luke 18:20** *You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" 21 And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth." 22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."*

**Luke 12:32** *"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. 34 **For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.***

### The Impossibility of Salvation Except Through God's Grace (Luke 18:23-27)

#### 1. The Test: What Do You Love Most? (vv. 23-25)

**Luke 18:23** *But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. 24 Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, "How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! 25 For 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."*

**1 Timothy 6:6** *But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.*

## 2. With God the Impossible Becomes Possible (vv. 26-27)

**1 Timothy 6:6** *Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" 27 But he said, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."*

### The Disciples: Action Motivated by Loving Jesus Most (Luke 18:28-30)

**Luke 18:28** *And Peter said, "See, we have left our homes and followed you." 29 And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, 30 who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life."*

### Reflect, Discuss, Apply

1. Chapter 18 of Luke makes it clear that humility is the foundation for how we are to respond in faith to Jesus. What is your attitude towards Christ as it relates to your identity, worth, security, and peace?

2. Jesus issued a simple challenge several times in the gospels: Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Pray about taking this challenge seriously this week, and consider selling one thing for the purpose of using that money for God's kingdom and his people.

3. We cannot love Jesus most if we love something else more. What is it that you love more than anything else in the world? What would make you most sad to lose? Identify those things and pray for the Holy Spirit to help you hold them with open hands in light of how God wants to use you for his purposes.

#### SONGS

"We Praise You"  
"No Longer Slaves"  
"Worthy Of It All"  
"Goodness of God"

#### BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$36,796.04  
Weekly Need: \$38,322.00  
YTD Giving: \$416,926.66  
YTD General Need: \$498,186

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