

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

# You lack one thing!

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**Today's Scripture:** "He said to Him, "Teacher, I have kept all these from my youth." Then, looking at him, Jesus loved him and said to him, "You lack one thing: Go, sell all you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me." But he was stunned at this demand, and he went away grieving, because he had many possessions." **Mark 10:20-22 (HCSB)**

**Today's Proverb:** " I rejoice over Your promise like one who finds vast treasure. **Psalms 119:162 (HCSB)**

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## God's Plan of Salvation

- Hear .....Romans 10:17
- Believe .....Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
- Repent ..... Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
- Confess ..... Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
- Be Baptized..... Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
- Arise & Walk in Newness of Life.....Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

### MEETING TIMES

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AM Worship: 11AM  
PM Worship: 6PM

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## You Lack One Thing!

Jesus was met one day by a young man who asked him a question that should be on the minds of all of us. The question is "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" This story is told to us by Matthew, Mark and Luke. Neither of the writers identify this man. Matthew simply says one came running up to him. Mark calls him a man and Luke says that he was a ruler. These stories can be found at Matthew 19:16-22; Mark 10:17-22 and Luke 18:18-23.

There are several good lessons in this story. Among these are that the man RAN up to Jesus. He was eager to talk to the Lord, he wanted to know the answer to his question and he had confidence that Jesus could give it to him. Next he called Jesus good and Jesus corrected him by telling him that there was no one "good" except God. Today we often hear people say, "He was such a good man." usually at a funeral. I suspect that most of us have also used that language. Jesus wanted the young man, and us, to know that only God is good. The 'goodness' we see in any man pales in comparison to God. No matter how 'good' we think a person is, he or she falls short, we all sin and because of that none of us are really 'good'. That was, I think, what Jesus was trying to get him to understand. Of course Jesus was 'good', He didn't sin and He was God, but the young man didn't know that at the time he asked his question. Therefore Jesus used his salutation to teach the man that only God is truly 'good'. But, probably the greatest lesson that Jesus taught that day was that no matter how much you do, you still "lack one thing".

This ruler had obeyed the commandments from his youth. He had kept the laws, don't murder, don't steal, don't lie, don't commit adultery, honor your parents. And he was obviously proud of his life. When Jesus told him these commandments, the writers seem to indicate that ruler was quick to say "I have kept these all my life!" He was a good Jew, and knew it. But Jesus saw that it wasn't the laws and the Jewish traditions that were the center of the man's life, although he had kept those. It was his possessions that were his treasure. Jesus told him, you still lack one thing. There is one thing that you haven't done that you need to do. I suspect that this caught the ruler off guard. He was probably expecting Jesus to pat him on the back and tell him that eternal life was secured because he had kept the commandments. He was probably expecting a complement, but Jesus told him he was lacking in his quest for eternal life. To secure eternal life, Jesus told him to sell all his possessions and give the proceeds to the poor and follow Him.

The Bible tells us that the man was stunned at this. He didn't expect Jesus to tell him that. He turned away from Jesus and went his way sorrowful because he had many possessions. We will likely never know if the ruler sold his possessions and followed Jesus or not, the gospels don't give us this answer.

By: Bill Beebe

In this story, Jesus told the ruler that the one thing that prevented him from gaining eternal life was the very thing that he treasured most on earth. It was the one thing that he wasn't prepared to do. In our quest for eternal life today, what is "The one thing that you lack?"

Most of us will probably be able to say that we haven't murdered. Many of us can say that we haven't stolen, that we honor our parents, that we haven't committed adultery, that we haven't lied. But let's bring this story into the church today. Jesus' answer may go something like the following: "What are you told about being a Christian? Hear the gospel, believe in it, confess your sins, repent, and be baptized then remain faithful." To which almost all of us will reply, I have done these things for a long time. I heard the gospel about your life, death and resurrection and I believed. The faith that I have in you and God caused me to confess my sins, to repent, to be baptized and to remain faithful. I have attended church services for years, I have taught bible classes, I have helped my brothers and sisters. I have even held a few bible studies at home. But what will Jesus identify as that one thing that we lack?

With the ruler, it was his possessions that was hindering his spiritual growth. But what will He identify with us? Will He say quit your job and get something else that will not conflict with your service? Is your job the thing that is most important in your life, is it the one thing that is separating you from fully committing to Jesus? Will He say change your friends. Are your friends and the fellowship with them more important than fellowship with the church? Will He say quit your hobby? Is your hobby the most important thing in your life? Is that what you are giving your money and time to? Is spending a weekend with your friends fishing or hunting more important to you than attending worship services?

As we consider these things and read the story for ourselves about the rich ruler, we should look into our own lives and determine what is that one thing that we lack? Then we need to address it. While we will never likely know if the ruler turned back to Jesus, we can make that decision ourselves while God still gives us life.

# What is it that you lack?