

**“one thing you lack:”
Mark 10:21**

Challenging words Jesus spoke to the rich young ruler that also challenge us today

Introduction

- Life is filled with many missed opportunities that often can make us filled with regrets
- As Christians though, we realize these missed opportunities that relate only to material things will not matter in eternal glory
- The greatest missed opportunities in this life are when we turn away from Jesus

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A Rich Young Ruler Walks Away From Jesus

Mar 10:17 As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

Mar 10:18 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.

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Mar 10:19 "You know the commandments, 'DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, Do not defraud, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.'"

Mar 10:20 And he said to Him, "Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up."

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Mar 10:21 Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

Mar 10:22 But at these words he was saddened, and he went away grieving, for he was one who owned much property.

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Identified As A Rich Young Ruler

Mat 19:22 But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.

Luk 18:18 A ruler questioned Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

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He Was Interested In Spiritual Things But Not Spiritually Minded

Rom 8:5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

Rom 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

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Rom 8:7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so,

Rom 8:8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

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He Walked Away From Going On To Perfection

Mat 19:21 Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

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We Must Choose Going On To Perfection

Php 3:12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

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We Must Choose Going On To Perfection

Php 3:13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

Php 3:14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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- Jesus told this rich young ruler what he needed to do right now in order to be saved
- He needed to conquer covetousness with Jesus' help, completely submitting to following Jesus
- What one thing do we struggle with that we need to give up and surrender our will to Jesus?

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- Whether it is covetousness, anger, lust, other addictions, our careers, it is not worth being lost over and turning our backs on Jesus and eternal glory
- The one thing we hold onto, even sometimes if it is lawful in and of itself, can cause us to be lost
- Or, maybe we have to give up even more than one thing to follow Jesus

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- When we do give things up that are preventing us from fully following Jesus, we must seek to never go back to them again
- We must fill our lives with His Word joyously serving Him each day
- But, if we choose not to give these up, we will not be the same spiritually

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If We Walk Away From Jesus We Will Not Be The Same Spiritually

Mat 13:12 "For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.

Mat 13:13 "Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

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Mat 13:14 "In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND; YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE;'

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Mat 13:15 FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES, OTHERWISE THEY WOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I WOULD HEAL THEM.'

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If We Walk Away From Jesus We Will Not Be The Same Spiritually

2Pe 2:19 promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

2Pe 2:20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

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2Pe 2:21 For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them.

2Pe 2:22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT," and, "A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire."

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With God's Help We Can Give Up Anything To Follow Jesus

Mar 10:23 And Jesus, looking around, *said to His disciples, "How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!"

Mar 10:24 The disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus *answered again and *said to them, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!"

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Mar 10:25 "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."

Mar 10:26 They were even more astonished and said to Him, "Then who can be saved?"

Mar 10:27 Looking at them, Jesus *said, "With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God."

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Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

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Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Eph 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

Eph 3:21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

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If We Follow Jesus We Will Be Eternally Blessed

Mar 10:28 Peter began to say to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You."

Mar 10:29 Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake,

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Mar 10:30 but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life.

Mar 10:31 "But many who are first will be last, and the last, first."

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