

# ***What Do I Still Lack?***

**Mt. 19. 16-25**

**What in the world would make the rich young ruler say a thing like that?**

***First in the series of 8 lessons on  
'Our Relationship with God.'***

# Some Positive Examples

- **1) He looks to Christ, v16**
- He didn't turn to man.
- He didn't ignore the question, Ac. 24. 24-25.
- And he didn't abuse the question, as Judas did.
- **2) He came running, Mr. 10. 17**
- He didn't have to be called or prompted.
- He teaches us there's a sense of urgency to salvation, II Co. 6. 1-2.

### **3) He knelt before Jesus, Mr. 10. 17**

Showed reverence and humility, He. 12. 28

He likely witnessed miracles, Mt. 19. 1-2, 13- 15

Mr. 1. 28: And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.

### **4) He says, 'What must I do?, v16**

### **5) He was an honest man**

He didn't play the role of the hypocrite and he didn't patronize the Lord.

It's nothing new for people to be disingenuous with Jesus, Jo. 6. 25-29

## **6) He knows God and has kept the law.**

- \* He has taken the time to learn the truth and has kept what he has learned, v20.
- \* He wouldn't have kept the commandments unless he believed in God.
- \* The Ethiopian was baptized because he believed, Ac. 8. 37: Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart...'

# What, then, does he lack?

- \* He's been taught. He believes. He's kept. He's humble. He's sincere. He shows a sense of urgency.
- \* What about his spiritual health?
- \* Mt. 28. 5-9
- \* And don't forget the Ethiopian. He went on his way 'rejoicing.'
- \* So what is the ruler lacking, and why is he lacking?

# This is what he lacks

- The ruler is a commandment keeper.
- And he does not have the love for God in his heart, because he loves the things of the world.
- Without the love for God, his faith is empty and he has filled his life with stuff from the material world, I Jo. 2. 15-17.
- John 14. 15: “If you love me you will keep my commandments.”

- I Jo. 5. 2-4
- No one can serve two masters, Mt. 6. 24
- Commandment keeping, in and of itself, can be burdensome.
- The first and greatest commandment is to 1) love God and 2) keep His commandments.
- And love is what takes away the burden of commandment keeping.