

Sermon Application Study

March 8, 2026

Target Passage → Luke 18:18-30

1. When Jesus lists off the commandments to the ruler, is he suggesting that keeping these commandments is what will inherit eternal life? Explain.
2. Why is the ruler happy to keep the law for his whole life but sad to sell his possessions? What's going on with him spiritually?
3. Is it impossible to be a wealthy Christian? Explain.
4. What does Jesus mean when he says we won't leave anything behind "for the sake of the kingdom of God" that we won't receive "many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life?"

Bridge Passages (for further study) → Proverbs 30:5-9, Luke 12:32-34, 16:10-13, James 5:1-6

For Me →

1. How seductive is wealth for you? How apt are you to become focused on wealth over faithfulness to Jesus?
2. Wealth is a blessing from God, but also a very seductive idol. How do you explain this?
3. What do we as Christians have to do with our wealth to avoid the trap of money? Give examples.

For the Mission →

1. If a Christian is in love with wealth and luxury, just like the rest of the world, how would that hurt his/her opportunity to share the gospel with others?
2. On the flip side, if we handle money in ways that Jesus describes, how could that serve the purposes of Christ and his kingdom among non-believers?

PRAYER FOCUS

Search your heart. If you find idols there, things that prevent you from full devotion to Jesus, repent of those things. Ask the Lord to show you how to make changes to make him first in your life.