

## The Rich Ruler - Luke 18:18-30

**Topics:** Eternal Life, Family, Greed, Home, Kingdom of God/Heaven, Law, Money, Wealth

### Open It

- \* 1. What is the best example of “materialism” that you can think of?
- 2. In what ways would your life change if you lost all you had, including your job?
- 3. What do you think of “the American dream”?

### Explore It

- 4. What did the ruler ask Jesus? (18:18)
- 5. What does the wording of the ruler’s question reveal about his attitude? (18:18)
- 6. How did Jesus respond to the ruler’s question? (18:19)
- 7. Of what did Jesus remind the ruler? (18:20)
- 8. What does the ruler’s response to Jesus reveal about his character? (18:21)
- \* 9. What did the ruler lack? (18:22)
- 10. Why did Jesus advise this man to sell all he had, especially when He did not require this of others? (18:22)
- \* 11. How did the ruler respond to Jesus’ instructions? (18:23)
- 12. How did the man’s wealth interfere with his eternal salvation? (18:23)
- \* 13. What was the rich man’s problem? (18:24-25)
- 14. How did Jesus’ listeners respond to Jesus’ harsh words? (18:26)
- 15. What did Jesus reveal about how a person can inherit eternal life? (18:27)
- 16. What did Jesus teach about sacrifice? (18:29-30)

### Get It

- 17. What prevents people today from following Christ?
- 18. Why did Jesus tell the rich man that “no one is good—except God alone”?
- 19. How did the rich man’s money hurt him?
- 20. How can money interfere with our commitments?
- \* 21. How do you need to change your attitude toward money or your financial practices?
- \* 22. What specific sacrifice do you think Jesus would ask of you if you asked Him, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?”
- 23. How might a person leave “home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God”?
- 24. What person you know has left “home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God”? How?
- 25. What rewards could someone who left home for the kingdom of God expect?
- 26. What difference does it make to you to know that you will receive great eternal rewards for the sacrifices you make for Christ during this lifetime?

### Apply It

- \* 27. What is one sacrifice God is calling you to make?
- 28. How can you remind yourself of the benefits of following Christ each day?