

## Mark 10:17-27 New Living Translation (NLT)

### The Rich Man

**17** As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

**18** “Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked. “Only God is truly good. **19** But to answer your question, you know the commandments: ‘You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.’<sup>[a]</sup>”

**20** “Teacher,” the man replied, “I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was young.”

**21** Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

**22** At this the man’s face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

**23** Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!” **24** This amazed them. But Jesus said again, “Dear children, it is very hard<sup>[b]</sup> to enter the Kingdom of God. **25** In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!”

**26** The disciples were astounded. “Then who in the world can be saved?” they asked.

**27** Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God.”

### Footnotes:

a 10:19 Exod 20:12-16; Deut 5:16-20.

b 10:24 Some manuscripts read *very hard for those who trust in riches.*

### Questions:

1. What did the man in v17 ask Jesus?
2. What had the man done since he was young in v20?
3. What emotion did Jesus show toward the rich man in v21?
4. Why did Jesus ask the rich man to sell everything he had and give to the poor in v21?
5. Could this rich man be saved just by the act of giving away all his money?
6. In v23 Jesus says, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" Why would it be hard for the rich to enter the kingdom of God? In what are they trusting?
7. Can a rich person enter the kingdom of God? How?
8. Someone here can probably quote John 3:16 by memory. According to this verse what do you need to do to be saved and inherit eternal life?
9. How could you use John 3:16 to share Jesus with someone? Explain.