

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP CURRICULUM

Week 14 - April 1 through April 7

TODAY'S LESSON: *"What More to Do?"*

TODAY'S PASSAGE:

Matthew 19:16-22 NLT 16 Someone came to Jesus with this question: "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" 17 "Why ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. But to answer your question—if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments." 18 "Which ones?" the man asked. And Jesus replied: "'You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. 19 Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as yourself.'" 20 "I've obeyed all these commandments," the young man replied. "What else must I do?" 21 Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, 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 But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

INTERACTIVE QUESTION: What did you learn from what we just read?

1) There is only one who is good - GOD.

- **Good:** pleasant, upright, and honorable.
- **Perfect:** full man, wanting nothing, complete, fully grown.
- The Bible tells us that we are supposed to be perfect, just like our heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:48 NLT But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.

- Learn endurance so you can achieve perfection.

James 1:4 NLT - So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

- When we learn what God requires of us we can walk in perfection.

Romans 12:2 NLT - Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

INTERACTIVE QUESTION: We look in the mirror to find imperfections, what has the mirror of God's word shown you lately?

2) Obeying God's commandments is the first step to achieving goodness.

- When we seek the kingdom of God we will find what is important.
- God's ways are always higher than our ways.
- Trust God's plan for your life not your own.

INTERACTIVE QUESTION: What must I give up to gain eternal life?

3) Following Christ is the right step toward achieving greatness.

- Until you learn to follow Christ, you will not achieve your highest goal.

Matthew 22:37-39 NLT 37 Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

- You must deny yourself to follow Christ.

INTERACTIVE QUESTION: What should I give up, to follow the One who has it all?

CLOSING QUESTION: What is one thing from today's lesson that you will apply this week?



GIVING

True giving is measured by the sacrificial love behind the gift rather than its monetary value.

Mark 12:42-44 (NLT)

42 Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. 43 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. 44 For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on.”

Encourage everyone to give their tithes and offerings.