

**Following Jesus**  
**17. Finding True Riches (Luke 18v18-34)**

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### **Conclusion**

### **Luke 18v18-34 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup>A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>19</sup>"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good--except God alone. <sup>20</sup>You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.' "

<sup>21</sup>"All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said.

<sup>22</sup>When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

<sup>23</sup>When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth. <sup>24</sup>Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

<sup>26</sup>Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"

<sup>27</sup>Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

<sup>28</sup>Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

<sup>29</sup>"I tell you the truth," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God <sup>30</sup>will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life."

<sup>31</sup>Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. <sup>32</sup>He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. <sup>33</sup>On the third day he will rise again."

<sup>34</sup>The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.