

I. Read Luke 18:18-23

- A. In verse 18, a member of the societal elite of Israel asked Jesus an important question. What was the question?

According to the commentators of the *New Geneva Study Bible*, the question was intended to flatter Jesus. What leads them to this conclusion?

Do you think the man's question was sincere?

- B. How does Jesus confront the man's insincerity?

What lesson might we learn from Jesus' handling of the man's question?

- C. What was the point of Jesus quoting the Commandments?

- D. What did the man reveal about himself when he responded, "All these things I have kept from my youth"?

Read Mark 2:17 and explain it in view of Romans 3:23. (*All have sinned...*)

- E. Jesus did not argue with the man's contention that he had "kept all of God's Commandments" from his "youth." Why not? (Read Proverbs 18:19.)

How did Jesus reveal that the man was indeed a sinner?

Which two of the Ten Commandments did the man most clearly break in his refusal to sell all that he had?

F. Did Christ's instruction prove that it is sinful to be wealthy?

How might we find out if we have the same problem as the man?

G. Why did the man become "very sorrowful" after hearing Jesus' condition? (See 2 Corinthians 7:8-10.)

Do you think many of us tend toward the same poor understanding of faith that the rich young ruler reflected?

H. How can we know that those we lead to Christ are truly and genuinely sincere in their faith?