

Sermon Notes
Week of March 9, 2008
“The Poverty of Riches”
Luke 18:18-23

_____ side vs. _____ side
(The young man) (Jesus)

The Rich Young Ruler [human side]:

1. knew what he _____
2. _____ felt the need
3. diligently _____
4. came to the _____ source
5. asked the _____ question

However:

The Young Man:

1. failed to understand by the law his own _____
2. failed to see that the law only renders you a _____
-- it _____ save you

Paul said, “Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin.” Romans 7:7

The law does _____ eternal life.

The law only “_____” [condemns].

Evangelism or personal witnessing that does not _____ people with their sinfulness and helplessness is _____ to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A profession of faith that does not include confession and _____ of sin does not bring salvation.

Common misleading comments used in witnessing include:

- *God has a wonderful plan for his/your life.
- *God loves him/you.

Works of the Holy Spirit include:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Genuine belief is characterized by willingness to do whatever the Lord requires – just as unbelief is characterized by unwillingness to do whatever the Lord requires.

TRUE SEEKER:

1. Has come under the _____ power of the Holy Spirit (by a true understanding of the law of God).
2. Has been _____ and _____ in heart (by being measured by the law of God and found guilty before God).
3. Knows there is no way to _____ salvation by works.
4. Is desperate for eternal life as to gladly _____ everything in this life.

FALSE SEEKER CANNOT BE SAVED BECAUSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE IF YOU ARE JUST COMING ON YOUR OWN.

Conclusion: “Come in total _____ and _____ to Christ.”

OUR CORE CHRISTIAN VALUES (30)

BELIEF – “What We Need to Know”

3. Authority of the Bible: the belief that the Bible is the word of God and has the right to command our beliefs and actions (II Timothy 3-16-17)

PRACTICE – “What We Endeavor to Do”

3. Bible Study: reading the Bible to know God, to hold to the truth, and to find direction for our daily life (Psalm 66:16-20)

VIRTUE – “What We Expect to Be”

3. Faithful: being faithful to fulfill God’s will for our life (Proverbs 3:3-4)

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Human side vs. _Divine_ side
(The young man) (Jesus)

The Rich Young Ruler [human side]:

1. knew what he wanted
2. deeply felt the need
3. diligently seeking
4. came to the right source
5. asked the right question

However:

No man on his own seeks after God.

The Young Man:

1. failed to understand by the law his own sinfulness
2. failed to see that the law only renders you a sinner – it cannot save you

Paul said, “Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin.” Romans 7:7

The law does not give eternal life.

The law only “kills” [condemns].

Evangelism or personal witnessing that does not confront people with their sinfulness and helplessness is not faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A profession of faith that does not include confession and repentance of sin does not bring salvation.

Common misleading comments used in witnessing include:

- *God has a wonderful plan for his/your life.
- *God loves him/you.

Works of the Holy Spirit include:

- conviction
- confession
- repentance

Genuine belief is characterized by willingness to do whatever the Lord requires – just as unbelief is characterized by unwillingness to do whatever the Lord requires.

TRUE SEEKER:

1. Has come under the convicting power of the Holy Spirit (by a true understanding of the law of God).
2. Has been broken and contrite in heart (by being measured by the law of God and found guilty before God).
3. Knows there is no way to earn salvation by works.
4. Is desperate for eternal life as to gladly abandon everything in this life.

FALSE SEEKER CANNOT BE SAVED BECAUSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE IF YOU ARE JUST COMING ON YOUR OWN.

Conclusion: “Come in total abandonment and submission to Christ.”

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