Jesus Schools a Rich Man on His True Sinfulness (Luke 18:18-27)

¹⁸ Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁹ So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. ²⁰ "You know the commandments: `Do not commit adultery, `Do not murder, `Do not steal, `Do not bear false witness, `Honor your father and your mother." ²¹ And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." ²² So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." ²³ But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. ²⁴ And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ "For 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." ²⁶ And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" ²⁷ But He said. "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

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- a. Jesus listens
- b. Jesus lists the one lacking thing (and the missing commands)

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- c. Jesus commands the rich ruler (why?)
 - All you have
 - **Sell** (x!)
 - **Distribute** (x!) the monies to the poor
- d. Jesus promises eternal riches

e. Jesus prompts for lifestyle-changBe coming (~!)	ge obedience
 Be following (~!) 	
6. The Rich Ruler	in Sorrow
²³ But when he heard this, he became ver	ry sorrowful, for he was very rich.
a. He becomes very sorrowful	
b. His snare – his great riches	
7. Jesus	a Principle
²⁴ And when Jesus saw that he became who have riches to enter the kingdo	very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for om of God!
 a. Jesus sees the rich ruler's sorrow 	
b. Jesus states the struggle of the r	
c. Jesus shares the eternal consequ	ience
8. Jesus	the Principle
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a. A comparison with a camel and	a needle
b. The difficulty of the rich (anythin	- ,
	hat I rest on for happiness and success else can take the place of what I have
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9. The Listeners Reel Back in	
²⁶ And those who heard it said, "Who ther	
a. Their wrong view of the rich	
b. Their wrong view of salvation	
10. Jesus Highlights the	of God
²⁷ But He said, "The things which are imp	
a. What men consider impossible (•
b. Is possible in the presence of God	•

TAKEAWAYS:

What we have, what we are, & what we can do save us.

Only God has the ______, process and payment to save us.