



# With God...!

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“And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? 17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. 18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, 19 Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? 21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. 22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. 23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. 24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. 25 When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? 26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:16-26).

“Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?” seem to be a relatively simple and straight forward question, but lurking behind it is an individual who is not prepared to embrace the requirements of the answer, so as to achieve the desired end. How often do people ask questions that they are not really prepared for the answer! They just ask in order to create a positive impression that they do not merit. On hearing the correct answer that could save his soul, the young man “went away sorrowful”. To him, the price was too much to pay to gain eternal life. His earthly possessions became obstacles that blinded him to eternal riches in glory.

Note that Jesus did not plead with him nor lower the standard to get him back. God is no respecter of person. He will not lower the heavenly standards to enable the rich man get saved.

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Both the rich and poor are required to satisfy the same criteria to gain eternal life.

As he walked away, Jesus remarked that “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God”. This was so astonishing to the disciples who in turn questioned, “Who then can be saved?”. That is an all time great question, that we can spend a lot of time to explain. However, for now, let’s focus on Jesus’ answer “With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible”. What a profound message that **“with God”** is all that is required to make all the difference in our situations and circumstances.

What a difference, life with God makes! In this discuss, the apostles came to a dilemma that made them to ask the question “who then can be saved?” The standard Jesus set, seem to be an impossible situation for anyone to meet. In response, Jesus made it clear to them that “With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible”. God makes the difference in every impossible situation facing humanity. He wants to encourage you today that the impossible perplexing situation that you are facing has a simple solution, if you will turn to Him for help and let Him intervene.

The salient point here is doing life “with God”! How can one achieve that consistency so as to sustain the difference that God will make for him / her? It is by:

- 1) Daily living in the consciousness of God’s presence;
- 2) Consistently maintaining unbroken fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

In these challenging end times, let us endeavour to live our lives “with God”.