



## The Question of Eternal Life

Matthew 19:16-30; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30

- 1) What we can learn from the rich young ruler
  - a) Departed from Jesus worse than he did before he came
  - b) Desired spiritual things (ran, bowed down, etc.)
  - c) Had a warped view of salvation
  - d) Thought he could be good enough for God
  - e) Had a superficial view of Jesus
  - f) Believed he kept God's perfect Law
  - g) Had an unhealthy view of money
  - h) Unwilling to part with the temporary to gain the eternal
  - i) Deceived by power and wealth
  - j) Departed from Jesus without hearing the best part
  - k) Enjoyed that which was finite; forfeited that which is eternal
- 2) What must I do to gain eternal life?
  - a) Recognize Jesus as Lord and God, not just "good"
  - b) Realize your sin of failing to obey the Commandments
  - c) Be willing to give up everything to follow Him
  - d) Be prepared to receive back everything you left and more
- 3) Introduction to biblical evangelism
  - a) Know your audience (pros, cons, hindrances, etc.)
  - b) Speak the truth in love
  - c) Hit the raw nerve where it influences the most
  - d) Deal with the consequences of rejection
  - e) Know that you either sow seeds or water them
  - f) Not every rejection is an eternal one. You may have planted a seed!