THE QUESTION

What did Jesus teach the rich young ruler (Matthew 19:16–30)?

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The short answer *Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words*

The early writers read Jesus' answer as a real call to keep God's commandments and follow Him. They say His command to sell and give exposed the man's greed, and they warn that love of wealth chains the heart. Yet what is impossible for people is possible with God.

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POINT 1 OF 7

Jesus gave a real answer: keep the commandments

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Irenaeus does not treat Jesus' reply as a trick. He says Jesus pointed to the law's commands as steps into life for anyone who wants to follow Him, and that what He told this one man He meant for everyone.

1

> "When asked, "Which ones?" the Lord again replied: "Do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not steal, do not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself,"—presenting as a series of steps for those who wished to follow Him, the precepts of the law, as the entrance into life; and what He said to one, He said to all."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD)
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The call to sell exposed his greed

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Irenaeus doubts the man had truly kept everything, since Jesus still told him to keep the commandments. The command to sell and give to the poor brought his greed into the open. Irenaeus sums up Jesus' teaching as obeying God, putting away greed by good works, and following Christ.

2

> "But when the questioner claimed, "I have kept all these" (though likely he had not, as otherwise the Lord would not have said, "Keep the commandments"), the Lord, exposing his greed, said, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell all you have, and give to the poor; and come, follow me;" promising to those who would act this way, the portion belonging to the apostles."
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> *later in the same passage*
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> "But He taught that they should obey the commandments God enjoined from the beginning, eliminate their greed by good works, and follow Christ."

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Jesus loved him and invited him to follow

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Tatian's gospel harmony keeps the detail that Jesus looked at the man and loved him before naming the one thing he lacked. The call was not only to give things away but to take up the cross and follow Jesus.

3 “Jesus looked intently at him, loved him, and said to him, "If you want to be perfect, you lack one thing: go and sell everything you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. And take up your cross, and follow me.""

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tatian,** *Diatessaron* 28 (c. 150–180 AD) **Source 13, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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Love of wealth chains the heart

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Cyprian says many were deceived by a blind love of their property, which held them like a chain. He reads Jesus' command as a way to move the heart to heaven, because the heart follows where the treasure is.

4 “A blind love of one’s own property has deceived many. They could not be ready, or at peace, when it was time to leave, because their wealth held them like a chain.”

later in the same passage

“Their heart and mind and feeling would be in heaven, if their treasure were in heaven.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 30, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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The deeper issue is the soul's attachment

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Clement of Alexandria says a rich person who holds goods loosely, seeks God alone and lives with self-control keeps the commandments in freedom. He reads "selling" as giving up the passions in the soul that shut heaven, and taking on God's commands instead.

5 “But if anyone is able to bend the authority of his goods inward, and to think moderately, and to be self-controlled, and to seek God alone, and to breathe God, and to live as a fellow citizen with God—this man, the poor one, stands by the commandments, free, undefeated, free of disease, unwounded by money.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 26
(c. 190–215 AD)
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6 “Stand off from the foreign possessions present in your soul, so that, becoming pure in heart, you may see God" — which by another voice is to enter into the kingdom of the heavens.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 19
(c. 190–215 AD)
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Do not despair: God makes it possible

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

When the disciples ask who can be saved, Jesus says it is impossible for people but possible with God. Clement warns against hearing the camel saying carelessly and giving up hope, as if salvation were closed to the rich.

7 “And Jesus looked at them intently and said to them, With men this is impossible, but not with God, for everything is possible for God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tatian,** *Diatessaron* 29
(c. 150–180 AD)
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8 “For some, having heard the Lord's saying offhand and superficially — that 'more easily shall a camel slip through the eye of a needle than a rich man into the kingdom of heaven' — give up on themselves as though they were not meant to live.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 2
(c. 190–215 AD)
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Those who leave all for Christ are rewarded

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Jesus promises the apostles thrones in the new world. Cyprian points to the apostles and many early believers who gave up possessions and family ties and held to Christ without a divided heart.

9 “Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you, you who have followed me, in the new world, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of his glory, you also will sit on twelve thrones and judge the twelve tribes of Israel.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tatian,** *Diatessaron* 29
(c. 150–180 AD)
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10 “He would follow the Lord, loosened and free, as the apostles did, and as many did in the time of the apostles, many who gave up both their possessions and their relatives, and clung to Christ with undivided bonds.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises*
(c. 248–258 AD)
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not explain Jesus' words "No one is good except God" as a direct claim about His own divinity.
- They do not say why Jesus listed only some of the Ten Commandments.
- They do not settle whether every believer must sell everything.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

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WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 36 early Christian passages and 169 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–36, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 37–109, in Bible order), then 96 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *36 passages from 14 writers*

Hermas, *c. 90–150 AD · sources 1–8*

1 *Shepherd* (1885 English; on point 1) "whosoever shall hear and keep these commandments, shall live to God… [continues online] **read ›**

2 *Shepherd* (on point 1) "all will live to God who keep these commandments and walk in them… [continues online] **read ›**

3 *Shepherd* it produces is small and rotten. Therefore, this illustration is for the servants of God, for the poor man and for the rich." I said, "How so, sir? Explain it… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Shepherd* (on point 1) world that wears you out. And by putting on all the virtues of a holy life, you will be able to keep these commandments, and you will no longer add… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Shepherd* (on point 1) "12:5, and keep His commandments, and you will live to God… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Shepherd* (on point 1) are great, good, and glorious, and they are able to make glad the heart of the person who can keep them. But I do not know whether a human being… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Shepherd* (1885 English; on point 1) "is the possession of all who keep the commandments of the Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Shepherd* (on point 1) "the Lord," he said, "and keep His commandments." Ecclesiastes 12:13 For if you keep God's commandments, you will be strong in everything you do, and everything you do… [continues online] **read ›**

Polycarp, *c. 100–155 AD · source 9*

9 *Epistle to the Philippians* (1885 English) once more, "Blessed are the poor, and those that are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of God… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · sources 10–11*

10 *First Apology* (1885 English) a certain man came to Him and said, "Good Master," He answered and said, "There is none good but God only, who made all things… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English) when on earth He acted in the very same manner, and answered to one who addressed Him as 'Good Master:' 'Why callest thou me good? One is good, my Father… [continues online] **read ›**

Minucius Felix, *c. 150–270 AD · source 12*

12 *Octavius* 24 (on point 5) "is strengthened by frugality. And who can be poor if he is not in want, if he does not crave the possessions of others, if he is rich toward God… [continues online] **read ›**

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Tatian, *c. 150–180 AD · sources 13–15*

13 *Diatessaron* 28 **Quote 3, page 3** “Jesus was going on the road, a young ruler came up to him, fell on his knees, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to have eternal life… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *Diatessaron* 29 **Quotes 7, 9, pages 4, 5** “rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 19:24 And I also say to you, it is easier for a camel to enter the eye of a needle… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Diatessaron* 9 (1885 English) “Luke 12:33a Sell your possessions, and give in alms… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 16–17*

16 *Against Heresies: Book IV* **Quotes 1, 2, page 2** “not have said, “Keep the commandments”), the Lord, exposing his greed, said, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell all you have, and give to the poor; and come… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (1885 English; on point 1) “is good to obey God, and to believe in Him, and to keep His commandment, and this is the life of man… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 18–23*

18 *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 4 (on point 3) “youth.' And Jesus, looking upon him, loved him, and said: 'One thing you lack. If you wish to be perfect, sell whatever you have and distribute to the poor, and… [continues online] **read ›**

19 *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 19 **Quote 6, page 4** voice is to enter into the kingdom of the heavens. "And how shall you stand off from them? By selling." What then? Will you receive money in place of possessions… [continues online] **read ›**

20 *Stromata* 2.5 unbeliever. How much more, then, should Scripture be believed when it says, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 2 **Quote 8, page 5** For some, having heard the Lord's saying offhand and superficially — that 'more easily shall a camel slip through the eye of a needle than a rich man into the… [continues online] **read ›**

22 *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 26 (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 4** “if not, sooner shall a camel enter through a needle's eye, than such a rich man reach the kingdom of God. Mark 10:25… [continues online] **read ›**

23 *Instructor* 3.7 (1885 English; on point 5) “that has this wealth shall inherit the kingdom of God… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 24–26*

24 *Against Marcion* 36 (1885 English) “He expressly asserts that there is one only good God, who is the only good, because He is the only God… [continues online] **read ›**

25 *Against Marcion* 25 true Gospel, a certain doctor of the law comes to the Lord and asks, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" In the heretical gospel, only life is mentioned… [continues online] **read ›**

26 *Against Marcion* 6 (1885 English) “God alone is good by nature. For He, who has that which is without beginning, has it not by creation, but by nature… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · source 27*

27 *Against Celsus* 16 (on point 6) “about what Jesus said against rich men — "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom… [continues online] **read ›**

Gregory Thaumaturgus, *c. 240–270 AD · source 28*

28 *Metaphrase of Ecclesiastes* 5 (on point 4) stomach with plenty, still enjoys at least the gentle refreshment of sleep. But the desire for riches is accompanied by sleepless nights and anxious thoughts. And what could be more… [continues online] **read ›**

Novatian, *c. 240–258 AD · source 29*

29 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 4 (1885 English) “alone the Lord rightly declares good, of whose goodness the whole world is witness… [continues online] **read ›**

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Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 30–34*

30 *Treatises* (1885 English) **Quotes 4, 10, pages 3, 5** “therefore the Lord the teacher of good things, forewarning for the future time, says, If you will be perfect, go, sell all that you have, and give to the poor… [continues online] **read ›**

31 *Treatises* (on point 4) “alms, and not depend on earthly possessions, but instead store up heavenly treasures. He says, "Sell your goods, and give alms." Luke 12:33 And again: "Do not lay up… [continues online] **read ›**

32 *Treatises* (on point 1) “hold fast to the immortality we have received. But how can we hold fast to immortality unless we keep those commands of Christ by which death is driven out and… [continues online] **read ›**

33 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 4) “on the other hand, the Lord tells us that he becomes perfect and complete who sells all his goods, and distributes them for the use of the poor, and so… [continues online] **read ›**

34 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 4) “riches, this wealth, she cannot possess, who had rather be rich to this world than to Christ… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · source 35*

35 *Apostolic Constitutions* this reason, all you who are faithful must, through your bishop, minister to the saints from your possessions and from your labor. But if anyone has nothing, let him fast… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Rome · *source 36*

36 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* (1885 English; on point 1) “him who has love in Christ keep the commandments of Christ… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *73 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

37 **1 Esdras 3:21** and it makes all hearts rich, and one remembers neither king nor satrap; and it makes everyone talk in talents. **read ›**

38 **1 Esdras 5:43** camels, four hundred and thirty-five; horses, seven thousand and thirty-six; mules, two hundred and forty-five; beasts of burden, five thousand five hundred and twenty-five. **read ›**

39 **Tobit 6:8** And as for the bile, anoint a man who has white films in his eyes, and he will be healed.” **read ›**

40 **Tobit 12:6** Then the angel called the two aside privately and said to them, “Bless God and give thanks to him; give greatness to him, and give thanks to him before all the living for what he has done for you. It is good to bless God and to exalt his name, telling with honor of the works of God; and do not be slow to give thanks to him. **read ›**

41 **Tobit 12:7** It is good to hide a king’s secret, but to reveal the works of God gloriously. Do good, and evil will not find you. **read ›**

42 **Tobit 14:9** But you, keep the law and the statutes, and be merciful and just, that it may go well with you. **read ›**

43 **Judith 15:10** You have done all these things with your hand; you have done good for Israel, and may God be pleased with it. May you be blessed by the Lord Almighty forever.” And all the people said, “So be it.” **read ›**

44 **Wisdom of Solomon 5:15** But the righteous live forever, and their reward is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the Most High. **read ›**

45 **Wisdom of Solomon 8:5** If riches are a possession to be desired in life, what is richer than wisdom, who works all things? **read ›**

46 **Wisdom of Sirach 8:2** Do not contend with a rich man, lest he throw his weight against you; for gold has destroyed many, and turned aside the hearts of kings. **read ›**

47 **Wisdom of Sirach 10:8** Kingship passes from nation to nation because of unrighteousness and arrogance and money. **read ›**

48 **Wisdom of Sirach 10:30** A poor man is glorified for his knowledge, and a rich man is glorified for his wealth. **read ›**

49 **Wisdom of Sirach 11:14** Good things and bad, life and death, poverty and wealth, are from the Lord. **read ›**

50 **Wisdom of Sirach 12:2** Do good to a godly man, and you will find a reward, if not from him, then from the Most High. **read ›**

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51 **Wisdom of Sirach 13:21** A rich man who is shaken is held up by friends, but a lowly man who falls is pushed away by friends. **read ›**

52 **Wisdom of Sirach 13:22** When a rich man slips, his helpers are many; he speaks things not to be spoken, and they justify him; a lowly man slips, and they rebuke him besides; he speaks with understanding, and no place is given him. **read ›**

53 **Wisdom of Sirach 13:23** A rich man speaks, and all are silent, and they exalt his word to the clouds; a poor man speaks, and they say, 'Who is this?' and if he stumbles, they will help to overthrow him. **read ›**

54 **Wisdom of Sirach 13:24** Wealth is good to one who has no sin, and poverty is evil in the mouth of the ungodly. **read ›**

55 **Wisdom of Sirach 14:9** A greedy man's eye is not satisfied with a portion, and evil unrighteousness dries up the soul. **read ›**

56 **Wisdom of Sirach 15:15** If you are willing, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is of your own good will. **read ›**

57 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:2** The Lord alone will be justified. **read ›**

58 **Wisdom of Sirach 26:4** Whether rich or poor, his heart is good, and at every time his face is cheerful. **read ›**

59 **Wisdom of Sirach 29:22** Better is the life of a poor man under a shelter of beams than splendid food in the houses of others. **read ›**

60 **Wisdom of Sirach 34:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

61 **Wisdom of Sirach 34:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

62 **Wisdom of Sirach 34:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

63 **Wisdom of Sirach 34:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

64 **Wisdom of Sirach 39:16** All the works of the Lord are very good, and every command will come to pass in its time. **read ›**

65 **Wisdom of Sirach 39:25** Good things were created from the beginning for the good; so evil things for sinners. **read ›**

66 **Wisdom of Sirach 39:33** All the works of the Lord are good, and he will supply every need in its hour. **read ›**

67 **Wisdom of Sirach 40:26** Wealth and strength lift up the heart, but above both is the fear of the Lord; there is no lack in the fear of the Lord, and there is no need to seek help in it. **read ›**

68 **Wisdom of Sirach 42:25** One confirms the good things of the other, and who will be filled with beholding his glory? **read ›**

69 **Wisdom of Sirach 50:22** And now, all of you, bless God, who does great things everywhere, who exalts our days from the womb and deals with us according to his mercy. **read ›**

70 **Baruch 3:9** Hear, O Israel, the commandments of life; give ear to know sound judgment. **read ›**

71 **Baruch 4:1** This is the book of the statutes of God and the law that endures forever. All who hold fast to her will come to life, but those who forsake her will die. **read ›**

72 **Letter of Jeremiah 1:25** They are bought at any price, though there is no breath in them. **read ›**

73 **Letter of Jeremiah 1:28** Their priests sell their sacrifices and squander the money; and likewise their wives preserve some of the sacrifices in salt, and give nothing to the poor or the helpless. **read ›**

74 **2 Maccabees 1:17** Blessed in all things be our God, who has handed over those who acted ungodly. **read ›**

75 **4 Maccabees 15:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

76 **Matthew 5:3** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **read ›**

77 **Matthew 13:44** "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid. In his joy, he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." **read ›**

78 **Matthew 19:16** Behold, one came to him and said, "Good teacher, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" **read ›**

79 **Matthew 19:17** He said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but one, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." **read ›**

80 **Matthew 19:21** Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." **read ›**

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81 **Matthew 19:22** But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he was one who had great possessions. **read ›**

82 **Matthew 19:23** Jesus said to his disciples, “Amen, I say to you, a rich man will enter the kingdom of heaven with difficulty. **read ›**

83 **Matthew 19:24** Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.” **read ›**

84 **Matthew 25:14** “For it is like a man going into another country, who called his own slaves and entrusted his goods to them. **read ›**

85 **Mark 10:17** As he set out on the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” **read ›**

86 **Mark 10:18** Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except one—God. **read ›**

87 **Mark 10:21** Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, “One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me, taking up the cross.” **read ›**

88 **Mark 10:22** But his face fell at that saying, and he went away sorrowful, for he was one who had great possessions. **read ›**

89 **Mark 10:23** Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it is for those who have riches to enter into the kingdom of God!” **read ›**

90 **Mark 10:24** The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus answered again, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! **read ›**

91 **Mark 10:25** It is easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.” **read ›**

92 **Luke 11:5** He said to them, “Which of you will have a friend and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, **read ›**

93 **Luke 11:17** But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and house falls upon house. **read ›**

94 **Luke 12:33** Sell what you have and give alms. Make for yourselves money bags that do not grow old, an unfailing treasure in the heavens, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. **read ›**

95 **Luke 16:19** Now there was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. **read ›**

96 **Luke 18:18** A certain ruler asked him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” **read ›**

97 **Luke 18:19** Jesus asked him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good, except one: God. **read ›**

98 **Luke 18:22** When Jesus heard these things, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” **read ›**

99 **Luke 18:23** But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was very rich. **read ›**

100 **Luke 18:25** For it is easier for a camel to enter in through a needle’s eye than for a rich man to enter into God’s kingdom.” **read ›**

101 **John 14:15** If you love me, keep my commandments. **read ›**

102 **John 15:10** If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, even as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. **read ›**

103 **Acts 2:45** They sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as anyone had need. **read ›**

104 **Acts 4:34** For neither was there among them any who lacked, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, **read ›**

105 **1 Corinthians 3:9** For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building. **read ›**

106 **1 Corinthians 4:1** Let a man regard us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries. **read ›**

107 **2 Corinthians 6:10** as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing all things. **read ›**

108 **James 1:17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow caused by turning. **read ›**

109 **Revelation 22:14** Blessed are those who do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city. **read ›**

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