## **Having It All**

Luke 18:18-30 Pastor Phil Winfield November 9, 2014

- 1. How to receive eternal life according to Jesus (v.18-23).
  - a. Eternal Life depends on what you as an individual **believe about Jesus** (v.18-19).
    - i. He was ready to respect Jesus but not to <u>worship</u> and serve Him.
    - ii. He was ready to call Jesus good but not **God**.
    - iii. It is impossible to be good and **not be God**. --- Ps 25:8; 34:8; 86:5; 106:1.
    - iv. Jesus is more than **good** He is God.
  - b. Eternal life depends on a person, Jesus Christ; not on your personal **performance** (v.18).
  - c. Eternal life requires **confession** of sin (v.20-21)
  - d. Eternal life demands true **repentance** (v.22-23).
    - i. We must repent of religious **syncretism**.
    - ii. We must repent of false **faith systems**.
    - iii. We must forsake all **idols**.
- 2. The greatest obstacle to eternal life according to Jesus is money (v.24-27).
  - a. It **grieves** Jesus when people trust money instead of Him (v.24).
  - b. It is **common** that people trust in money and not in Jesus. (v.24b)
  - c. It is nearly **impossible** for rich people to go to heaven (v.25).
  - d. It is **shocking** that rich and successful people are so likely excluded from Heaven (v.26).
  - e. All things are **possible** with God (v.27).
- 3. We (believers) have a **double blessing** according to Jesus (v.28-30) Is it worth it to forsake all and follow Christ?
  - a. You will be abundantly blessed in the present.
  - b. You will be eternally blessed in in the future.

Have you come to Jesus on his terms? If not, why not?