

What Matters Most

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Luke 18:18-23

A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’” “All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said. When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.

Luke 18:28-29

Peter said to him, “We have left all we had to follow you!” “Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.

A Tale of Two Men

Rich young ruler vs Peter

I believed this story is conveying a very important message:

This story of two men offers us a picture of two lives built around two different definitions of WHAT MATTERS MOST.

What matters most? **ETERNITY.**

TRUTH:

Too many people are asking God to use them...but failing to put themselves in any context where God can actually take their life and use it for his glory.

If you want to live for what matters most...

1. Exchange perfection for purpose.

When you live for what matters most, the perfect purpose of Christ will be your guide.

There are no perfect families or perfect lives.

Purpose-driven families are made up of imperfect people fueled by God's grace and call.

2. Exchange feelings for faithfulness.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

I can't think of a greater goal and more significant prayer than to be *found faithful*.

Sometimes serving Jesus means being faithful past your feelings.

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