

21. Who alone is good? _____ * How flippantly we use this word! We call our children good, our friends good, a sinful movie good, a worldly singer good ... and the list goes on and on. Our constant use of this word leads men to believe as this young man did, that good works could earn him eternal life. Jesus had just taught that we are a people who owe an unpayable debt for our sins. We are not good! We have a desperate need for our good God to pay the debt we can never pay! Study Psalms 14:3 + 53:3 and Romans 3:12.

22. What did Jesus tell the young man to do? _____

23. What did the young man want to know? _____

24. What was the young man's answer to the list of commandments Jesus said he must keep? _____ * See Proverbs 20:6.

This young man believed he was perfect - good enough to enter heaven without Christ!

25. What 2 things did Jesus tell him to do?

1. _____

2. _____

26. How did the young man respond? _____

27. Why? _____

* Jesus immediately exposed this man's sin. He had not murdered, committed adultery, stolen, or lied. He had honored his parents. However, he had not obeyed the first two commandments. He didn't love God with all his heart, mind, soul, and strength. (Read Mark 12:30.) Jesus had not told him to *give away* his possessions. He told him to *sell them and give the money to the poor*. He did not love God more than his possessions and he did not love the poor as he loved himself.

What an invitation Jesus extended to him! "Come! Follow me!" Yet he walked away from Christ's invitation. His possessions meant more to him than being with Jesus.

Today his possessions that he loved are buried in the dust of time. He lost them all at death. What a terrible choice he made. The treasure Jesus said he could have had if he had followed Him would have still remained. Read II Corinthians 4:18 and Luke 12:15.

Do your possessions mean more to you than following Jesus where He leads? What would you have done? What will you do? Jesus is calling *you* to follow Him.

28. What did Jesus say about rich men entering the kingdom of God? _____

29. What did the disciples ask Him? _____

30. What did Jesus say was possible with God? _____

* *All things* are possible *with* God, but *nothing* that has eternal value is possible *without* God!

31. What did Peter say the disciples had forsaken? _____

32. What did Jesus say they would do one day? _____

* They did leave all - their work, their families, their nets, their jobs! Revelation 21:21:10 & 14 tells us about their eternal treasure in heaven! They sold all to obtain the Pearl of great price! They will have joy forever! The young man walked away, beginning his life of sorrow. Unless he later followed Jesus, he suffers eternal sorrow for his one wrong choice. So many hear the invitation from Jesus and simply walk back to their lives of sin that will end in death. Make the choice Joshua did! See Joshua 24:15! Make the choice the 3 young Hebrews did in Daniel 3:16-18. This same choice must be made by every man: God or possessions; God or this world. Study Revelation 13:17 & 8.