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THE ROCK

THE LORD IS MY ROCK.
- PSALM 18:2



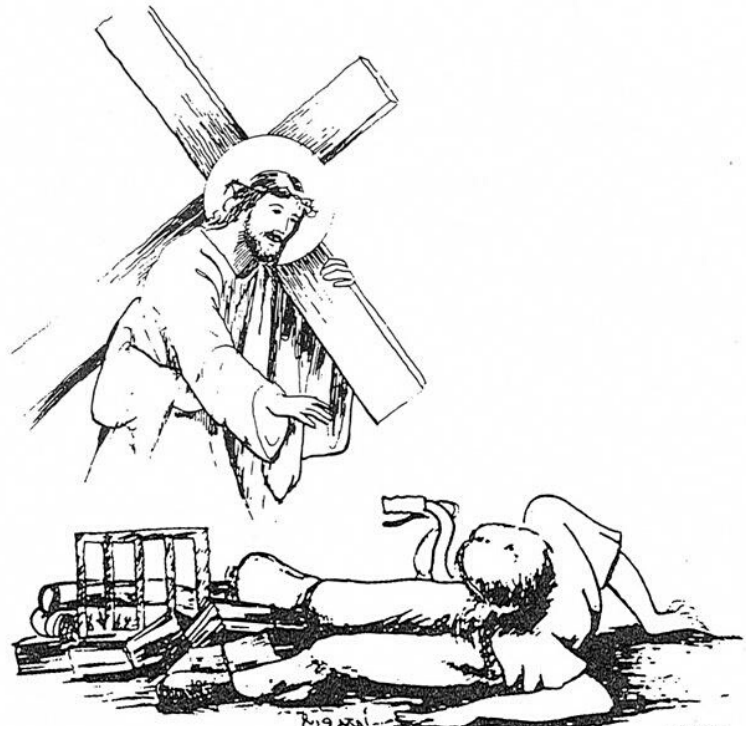
Reflection on (Mark 10: 17-30)

Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" And he answered and said to Him,





"Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth." Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!"

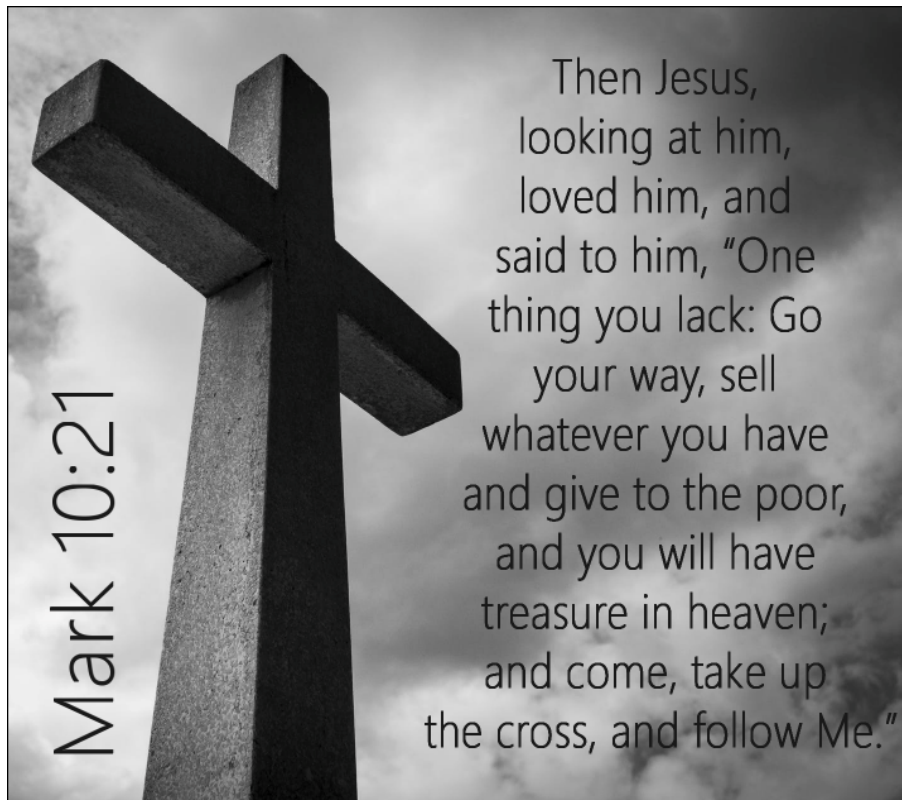


In this verse, this man was asking Jesus about ways to get to heaven and when God told him the 10 commandments, he told Him he did it all.. But because this man loved his riches more than anything or anyone else! Which we shouldn't because at the end of the day it's God who gave us everything we own





whether money, career, looks, intelligence, family or experiences .. We should always share and help people in all different ways including support. However with this man since he was that greedy, that God told him that to go to heaven he should give up everything he owns to poor people!



At the beginning reading this verse I found it really harsh and kinda offending that God is basically saying that we should suffer in order to go to heaven? We should give up all our hard work that we did for years to people we don't even know?





However what the verse was actually about is to "have a good heart". It's not fair and it's not what God wants that we live miserably and sad and ruin our lives just to go to heaven!! Jesus was telling this man to give up everything because he didn't have a good heart.. He didn't understand that it's God who gave him everything and so he should be grateful and willing to share them (in his case he was that greedy that if he accepted to give up everything.. he would actually then pass the test and get to go to heaven)...

But in real life with us.. it could be through stuff as simple as donating money, sharing with people your experiences to save them from any bad ones you went through, giving people advices that helped you in your life, and not being jealous of them if they got better than you at any point (you should be proud of yourself and them instead), giving support and being friendly with people who are getting hurt by mean people, being an example to those mean people, not judging anyone in any





way, loving all strangers and making excuses for their bad actions if any, always making sure to not hurt anyone, being always ready to share what you got with other people, forgiving the ones who harmed you and not try to take revenge and overall just having a good heart.



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