

Lesson 3-17 The Rich Young Ruler

Why did Jesus famously tell the rich young ruler that he had to give up his wealth to attain eternal life? Isn't salvation granted through faith, not through our actions?

In a recent *Discipleship Journal* article, Bill Gillham suggests that Jesus had a different lesson in mind for his audience. Is the moral of the story that you can't have money and get to heaven... or was Jesus actually teaching his audience about the futility of seeking salvation through mere obedience to God's law

In this lesson there is mention of following the commandments laid out by God. Namely the Ten commandments as laid out in Exodus chapter 20

The Ten Commandments

¹ *And God spoke all these words:*

² *"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.*

³ *"You shall have no other gods before ^[a] me.*

⁴ *"You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand {generations} of those who love me and keep my commandments.*

⁷ *"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.*

⁸ *"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.*

¹² *"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.*

¹³ *"You shall not murder.*

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Covet = to desire or long for 垂涎【chuíxián】 covet; drool; slaver.

生词

New Vocabulary for Lesson 3-17

善良【shànliáng】 good and honest; kindhearted.

善【shàn】 good; satisfactory; good; make a success of; perfect; kind; friendly; be good at; be expert in; be adept in; properly; be apt to.

完善【wánshàn】 perfect; consummate.

良【liáng】 good; fine; very; very much.

良好【liánghǎo】 good; well.

良师益友【liángshīyìyǒu】 good teacher and helpful friend.

益【yì】 benefit; profit; advantage; beneficial; increase; all the more; increasingly.

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善									
良									

良善【liángshàn】 good; fine; (Character).

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良									
善									

诫命【jiè mìng】 commandment.

诫【jiè】 warn; admonish; <religion> commandment.

命【mìng】 life; lot; fate; destiny; order; assign (a name, title, etc.).

革命【gémìng】 revolution.

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诚									
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偷【tōu】 steal; pilfer; make off with; stealthily; secretly; on the sly; find (time).

小偷【xiǎotōu】 petty thief.

偷闲【tōuxián】 snatch a moment of leisure; <dialect> loaf on the job; be idle.

偷看【tōukàn】 peep.

偷偷摸摸【tōutōumōmō】 covertly. Like if you were to come home late and are trying to sneak into the house without turning on the light feeling your way in.

偷偷【tōutōu】 stealthily; secretly; covertly; on the sly (or quiet).

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偷									
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假的【jiǎ】 false; fake; sham; phoney; artificial; borrow; avail oneself of; if; suppose.

假定【jiǎdìng】 suppose; assume; grant; presume; hypothesis.

假期【jiàqī】 vacation; period of leave.

假头发【jiǎtóufa】 wig.

头发【tóufa】 hair (on the human head).

假设【jiǎshè】 suppose; assume; grant; presume; hypothesis.

假如【jiǎrú】 if; supposing; in case.

假使【jiǎshǐ】 if; in case; in the event that.

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假									
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见证【jiànzhèng】 witness; testimony.

见【jiàn】 see; catch sight of.

证【zhèng】 prove; demonstrate; evidence; proof; testimony; certificate; card; disease; illness.

证明【zhèngmíng】 prove; testify; bear out; certificate; identification; testimonial.

保证【bǎozhèng】 pledge; guarantee; assure; ensure.

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见									
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孝【xiào】 filial piety; mourning.

孝子【xiàozǐ】 dutiful son; son in mourning.

孝服【xiàofú】 mourning (dress).

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孝									
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孝敬【xiàojìng】 give presents (to one's elders or superiors).

敬【jìng】 respect; respectfully; offer politely.

可敬【kějìng】 worthy of respect; respected.

敬礼【jìnglǐ】 salute; give a salute; extend one's greetings; <polite> with high respect; with best wishes.

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孝									
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爱人如己【àirénrújǐ】 love others as self.

如【rú】 in compliance with; according to; like; as; as if; can compare with; for instance; such as; <conj.> if; <formal> go to.

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少年人【shàoniánrén】 teenager; a youth; young people.

少 third tone【shǎo】 few; little; less; be short; lack; lose; be missing; a moment; stop; quit.

少 forth tone【shào】 young; son of a rich family; young master.

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缺少【quēshǎo】 lack; be short of.

缺【quē】 be short of; lack; incomplete; imperfect; be absent; vacancy; opening.

缺席【quēxí】 absent (from a meeting, etc.).

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缺									
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完全【wánquán】 complete; whole; completely; fully; wholly; entirely; absolutely.

完【wán】 intact; whole; run up; use up; finish; complete; be over; be through; pay.

全【quán】 complete; whole; entire; full; total; entirely; completely; make perfect or complete; keep intact.

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穷【qióng】 **poor**; poverty-stricken; limit; end; thoroughly; extremely.

无穷【wúqióng】 infinite; endless; boundless; inexhaustible.

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穷人【qióng rén】 **poor people**; the poor.

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穷									
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财宝【cáibǎo】 **money and valuables.**

财【cái】 **wealth; money.**

宝【bǎo】 **treasure; precious; treasured.**

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财									
宝									

Supplementary Vocabulary

遵守【zūnshǒu】 **observe; abide by; comply with; obey.**

遵【zūn】 **abide by; obey; observe; follow.**

守【shǒu】 **guard; defend; keep watch; observe; abide by; close to; near.**

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遵									
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奸淫【jiānyín】 **illicit sexual relations; adultery; rape or seduce.**

奸【jiān】 **wicked; evil; treacherous; traitor; <informal> self-seeking and wily; illicit sexual relations.**

淫【yín】 **excessive; loose; wanton; licentious; lewd; lascivious; obscene; pornographic.**

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忧愁【yōuchóu】 sad; worried; depressed.

忧【yōu】 worry; be worried; sorrow; anxiety; concern; care.

愁【chóu】 worry; be anxious.

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忧									
愁									

实【shí】 solid; true; real; honest; reality; fact; fruit; seed.

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实									
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称【chēng】 call; name; <formal> say, state; <formal> commend, praise; weigh.

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Additional Words from Class Discussion

如今【rújīn】 nowadays; now; up to today.

如常【rúcháng】 as usual.

一切如常【yīqiè rúcháng】 all; every; everything is as usual.

如愿【rúyuàn】 achieve what one wishes

如意【rúyì】 **as one wishes**; ruyi, an S-shaped ornament object, usu. made of jade, formerly a symbol of good luck.

万事如意【wànshìrúyì】 just as one has wished for.

手足【shǒuzú】 brothers.

亲如手足【qīnrúshǒuzú】 Brother and sisters.

完工【wángōng】 complete a project, ect; finish doing sth.; get through.

目前【mùqián】 at present; at the moment.

党【dǎng】 political party; party; the Party (the Communist Party of China); clique; faction; gang; <formal> be partial to; take sides with; <formal> kinsfolk; relatives; (Dang) a surname.

情同手足【qíngtóngshǒuzú】 like brothers; with brotherly love for each other.

缺点【quēdiǎn】 shortcoming; defect; weakness; drawback.

少管闲事【shǎoguǎnxiánshì】 minding other people's business.

少【shǎo】 few; **little**; less; be short; lack; lose; be missing; a moment; stop; quit.

管【guǎn】 manage; run; be in charge of; subject sb.to discipline; bother about; **mind**; provide.

闲事【xiánshì】 **a matter that does not concern one; other people's business.**

年如一日【niánrúyīrì】 time goes by fast.

劳动节【láogōngjié】 **Labor Day**

劳工【láogōng】 <old> labourer; worker.

节【jié】 festival; red-letter day; **holiday.**

语言点

Language Points

Indicating exception or addition

Look at sentence No.4 in the lesson handout.

除了神以外再没有良善的。

Chúle shén yǐwài zài méiyǒu liángshàn de.

Except God, no one is good and honest.

(神 shén GOD)

Notice: the sentence pattern 除了chúle...(noun) ...以外 yǐwài

It should be noted that what follows 除了chúle... may be a subject, a time when, or and object.

除了 chulé... + **subject**

除了妈妈以外，我们全家都去香港。

Chúle māmā yǐwài wǒmen quán jiā dōu qù Xiāng Gǎng.

Except for mother, our whole family is going to Hong Kong.

除了 chulé... + **time when**

除了星期一以外，他每天都复习中文。

Except for Monday he reviews Chinese every day.

除了 chulé... + **object**

除了臭豆腐以外，我什么都吃。

Chúle chòudòufǔ yǐwài, wǒ shénme dōu chī.

Remember:

- The noun phrase that follows 除了 chulé may be the subject, time when expression, or the object of the verb.
- The full phrase include both 除了 chulé...and...以外 yǐwài however either phrase may be omitted.
- 也 yě or 都 dōu typically occurs in the predicate.

句型练习 Sentence Practice

除了米饭以外，他们也吃了馒头。

Chúle mǐfàn yǐwài, tāmen yě chīle mántóu.

Besides rice, they also ate steamed bread.

茄子以外我什么都吃。

Qíézi yǐwài wǒ shénme dōu chī.

Except for eggplant I eat anything.

除了爷爷以外，我们都喜欢看电影。

Chúle yéyē yǐwài wǒmen dōu xǐhuān kàn diànyǐng.

except for grandfather we all like to see movies.

练习

Exercises

- 1.) Write 10 sentences with 除了chúle...and...以外 yǐwài.
- 2.) Write 10 sentences with 除了chúle...and...以外 yǐwài also include 也 yě and 都 dōu

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