

LET'S BE HONEST

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Luke 18:18-27

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The rich young ruler may be the only man in the Gospel's who came to the feet of Jesus and went away in worse condition than when he came (Warren Wiersbe).

1. His View Of Christ: Vs.18-19

- a. What must we do to "acquire" eternal life? NOTHING (Ephesians 2:8-9)!
- b. This young man was good but he was "lost".
- c. By calling Jesus good, he then had to "confess" that Jesus was God (Psalm 25:8).

2. His View Of Sin: Vs.20-22

- a. No one has ever been "improved" by sin!
- b. Jesus did not quote the Law to him as a means of salvation. He held the Law before him as a mirror to "reveal" his sins (Romans 3:19-20). Warren Wiersbe
- c. What are some things that we "covet"? Jesus asked this young man to do something that a covetous person would not do.

3. His View Of Salvation: Vs.23-27

- a. Possessing riches will not keep you from going to heaven. Being possessed by riches and "trusting" them will. Warren Wiersbe
- b. When we are satisfied with ourselves, we feel no "need" for God.
- c. This young man wanted salvation on his terms, not God's, so he turned and went away in great "sorrow".