

# *The Test of the Treasure*





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*Matthew 19:16-22*



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## *I. The Request*



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And behold, a man came up to Him,  
saying, “Teacher, what good deed  
must I do to have eternal life?”

**Matthew 19:16**



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## *I. The Request*

The word translated “have” here  
Literally means to “possess”



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## *I. The Request*

This man was running to the  
right Person





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## *I. The Request*

This man was asking the  
right question



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## *I. The Request*

This man was asking with  
apparently a great deal of passion



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## *I. The Request*

... A man ran up and knelt before Him and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

**Mark 10:17**



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He's ready!



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## *II. The Reaction*



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And He said to him, “Why do you ask Me about what is good? There is only One who is good, If you would enter life, keep the Commandments.”

**Matthew 19:17**



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It's time to learn!



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## *II. The Reaction*

He said to Him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness...

**Matthew 19:18**





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## *II. The Reaction*

...Honor your father and mother,  
and, you shall love your  
neighbor as yourself.”

Matthew 19:19



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## *II. The Reaction*

The first “table” of the Law  
(Commandments 1 – 4)  
deals with our relationship  
toward God



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## *II. The Reaction*

The second “table” of the Law  
(Commandments 5 – 10)  
deals with our relationship  
toward others



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## *III. The Reasoning*



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The young man said to Him,  
“All these I have kept.  
What do I still lack?”

Matthew 19:20



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**“Teacher, all these I have kept  
from my youth.”**

**Mark 10:20**



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And Jesus, looking at him, loved him.

Mark 10:21



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**Pride is blinding!**





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## *IV. The Reiteration*



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Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

**Matthew 19:21**



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## *IV. The Reiteration*

This young man was asking the  
right question, to the right Person,  
with the right passion,  
so what's the problem?



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*IV. The Reiteration*

**“Teacher, what good deed  
must I do to have eternal life?”**

**Matthew 19:16**



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*IV. The Reiteration*

**This man's fatal flaw  
was one word:**



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**This man's fatal flaw  
was one word:  
the word “good”**



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*IV. The Reiteration*

**The most damning delusion  
anyone can buy into  
is that you are good**



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## *IV. The Reiteration*

- 1. You shall have no other gods before Me**
- 2. You shall not make idols**





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## *IV. The Reiteration*

This man's true treasure was his  
possessions



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*IV. The Reiteration*

**“Go, call your husband,  
and come here.”**

**John 4:16**



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## *IV. The Reiteration*

The woman answered Him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’;

**John 4:17**



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“For you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” The woman said to Him, “Sir I perceive You are a Prophet.”

John 4:18



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*IV. The Reiteration*

**If you never realize what a  
wretched sinner you are,  
you will never realize what  
a great Savior He is!**



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*IV. The Reiteration*

Your sin is disgusting!



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*IV. The Reiteration*

**“But we are all like an unclean thing,  
and all our righteousnesses  
are like filthy rags.”**

**Isaiah 64:6**



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## *V. The Rejection*





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When the young man heard this  
he went away sorrowful,  
for he had great possessions.

Matthew 19:22



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This man's "god"  
was himself



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## *V. The Rejection*

“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.”

Luke 14:26



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## *V. The Rejection*

Our love for Christ must be so great that our love for anything and anyone else must seem like hate in comparison



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Turn Your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth  
Will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace



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## *V. The Rejection*

**This life**





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## *V. The Rejection*

**This life**



**Eternity**





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## V. The Rejection







# The Test of the Treasure V. The Rejection





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## *V. The Rejection*

**“Only one life  
‘twill soon be past  
Only what’s done  
for Christ will last”**

**C. T. Studd**



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## *V. The Rejection*

The reason water fell on the floor  
is because there was  
water in the pitcher.



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## *V. The Rejection*

Jesus' ultimate answer to this young man's question of what he must do to have eternal life is in essence, "Come, follow Me."



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**Bailey Hemphill's  
fatal mistake was that she  
MISSED HOME PLATE!**





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## *V. The Rejection*

**“He is no fool who gives  
what he cannot keep to gain  
that which he cannot lose.”**

**Jim Elliot**



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## *VI. Our Response*



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*VI. Our Response*

What do you treasure?



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*Conclusion*



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**A Profile of the Lukewarm**



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## *VI. Our Response*

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all he has and buys that field.

**Matthew 13:44**



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## *VI. Our Response*

**“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like  
a merchant in search of fine pearls.**

**Matthew 13:45**





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## *VI. Our Response*

**“Who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”**

**Matthew 13:46**



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## *Conclusion*

Does “passionately on fire for Christ” describe you, or does “comfortably lukewarm” better describe your life?

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# I'd Rather Have Jesus

*by Rhea F. Miller and George Beverly Shea*

**I'd rather have Jesus  
Than silver or gold**

**I'd rather be His  
Than have riches untold**

**I'd rather have Jesus  
Than houses or lands**

**I'd rather be lead  
By His nail-pierced hand**

**Than to be the king of a vast domain  
Or be held in sin's dread sway**

**I'd rather have Jesus than anything  
This world affords today**

**I'd rather have Jesus  
Than men's applause**

**I'd rather be faithful  
To His dear cause**

**I'd rather have Jesus  
Than worldwide fame**

**I'd rather be true  
To His holy name**



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