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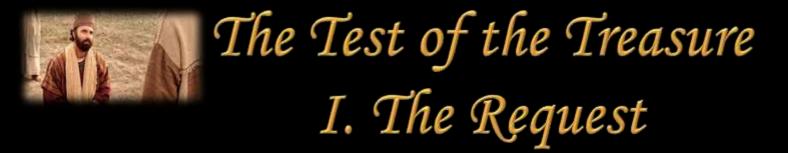


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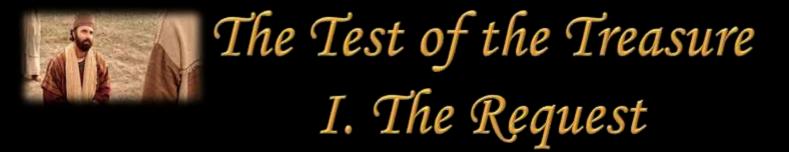
I. The Request



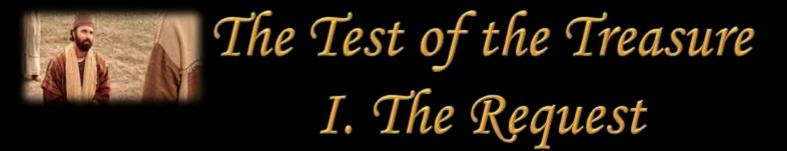
And behold, a man came up to Him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" Matthew 19:16



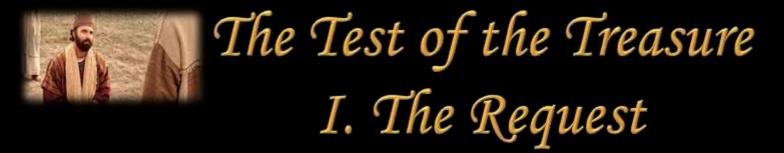
## The word translated "have" here Literally means to <u>"possess"</u>



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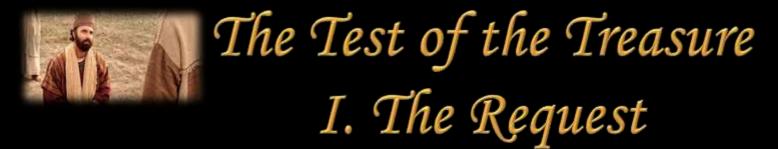
# This man was asking the right <u>question</u>



## This man was asking with apparently a great deal of passion



... A man ran up and knelt before Him and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Mark 10:17



## <u>He's ready!</u>

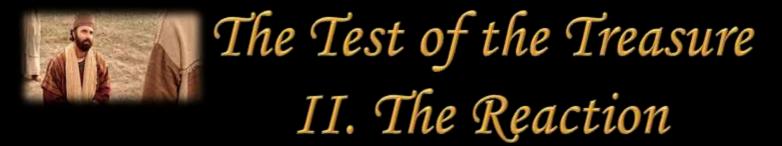


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## II. The Reaction



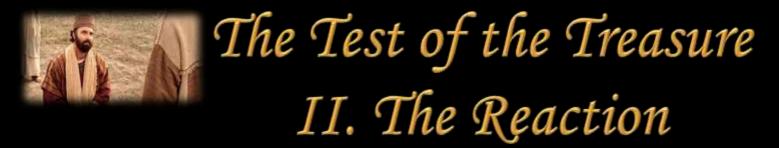
And He said to him, "Why do you ask Me about what is good? There is only One who is good, If you would enter life, keep the Commandments." Matthew 19:17



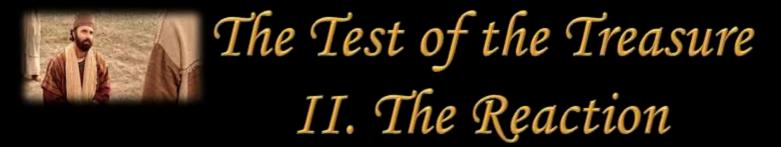
## <u>It's time to learn!</u>



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



#### ...Honor your father and mother, and, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19



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



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





III. The Reasoning



The young man said to Him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" Matthew 19:20



#### "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." Mark 10:20



#### And Jesus, looking at him, loved him. Mark 10:21



## Pride is blinding!





## IV. The Reiteration

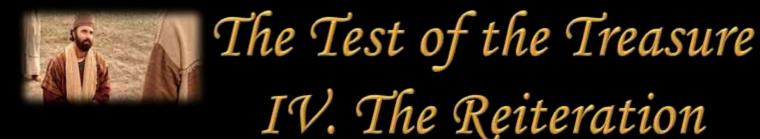


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Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." Matthew 19:21



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



## "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" Matthew 19:16



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## This man's fatal flaw was one word: the word <u>"good"</u>



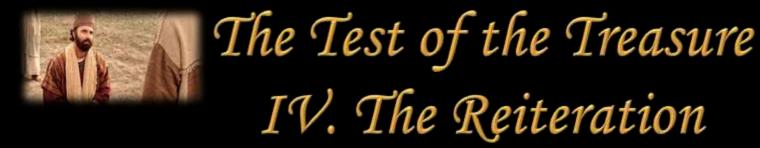
## The most damning delusion anyone can buy into is that you are good



## You shall have no other gods before Me You shall not make idols



### This man's true treasure was his possessions



### "Go, call your husband, and come here." John 4:16



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The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; John 4:17



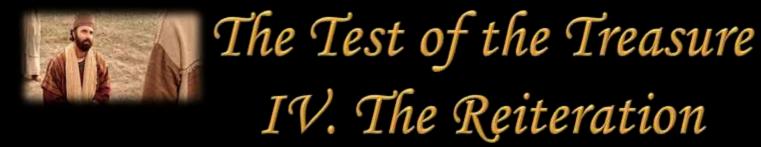
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"For you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to Him, "Sir I perceive You are a Prophet." John 4:18



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



#### Your sin is disgusting!



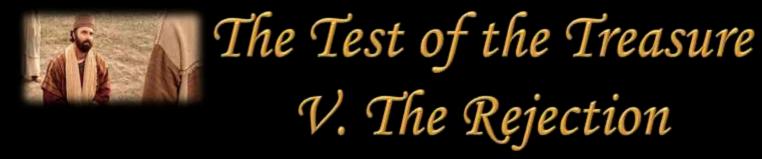
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"But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags." Isaiah 64:6

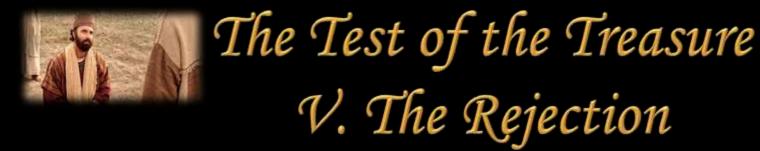




V. The Rejection



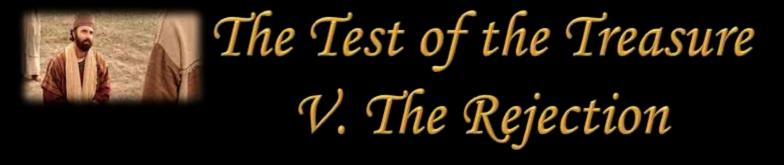
When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. **Matthew 19:22** 



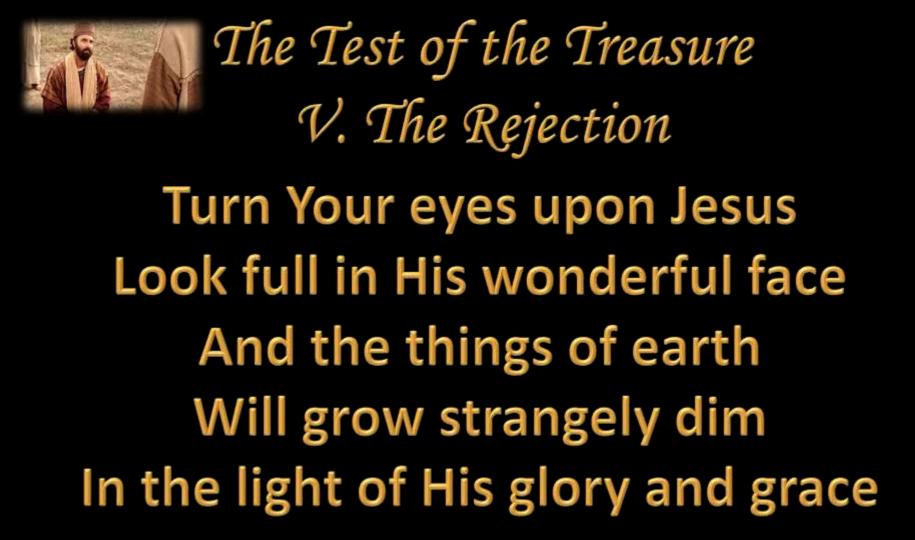
### This man's "god" was <u>himself</u>

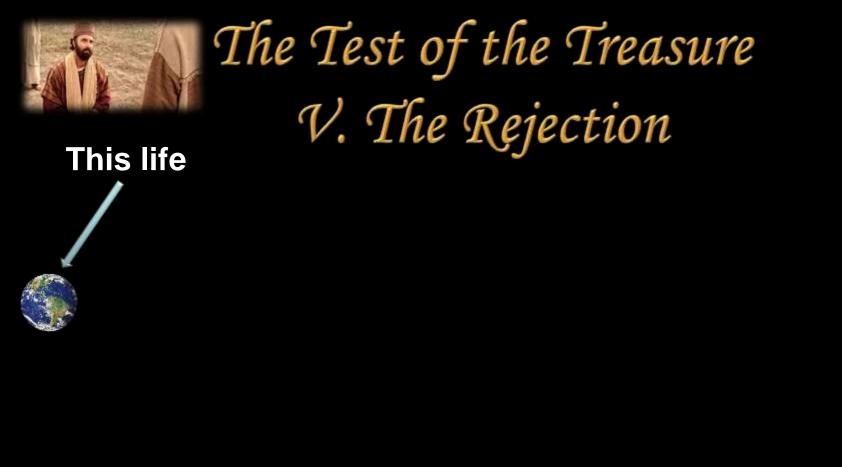


"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple." Luke 14:26



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









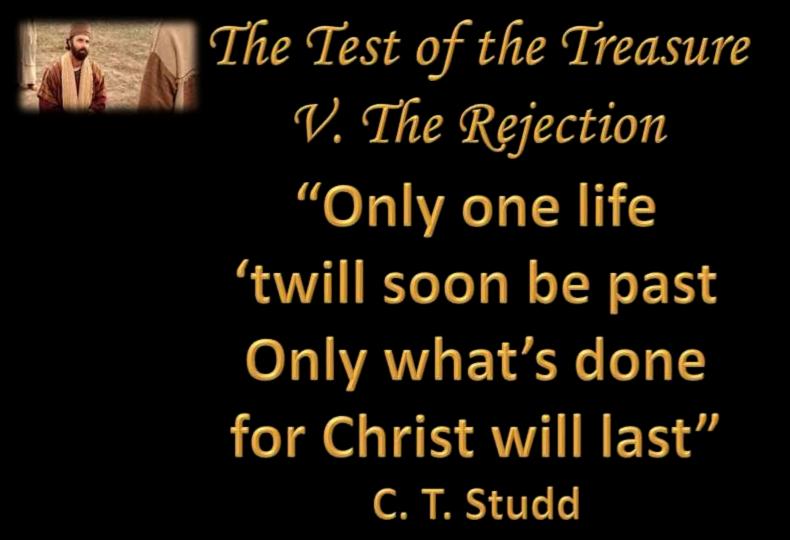


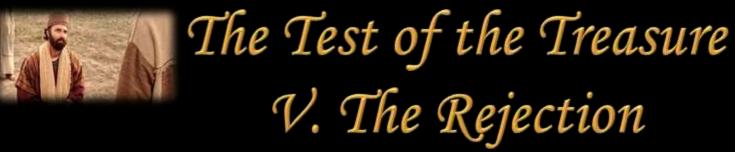


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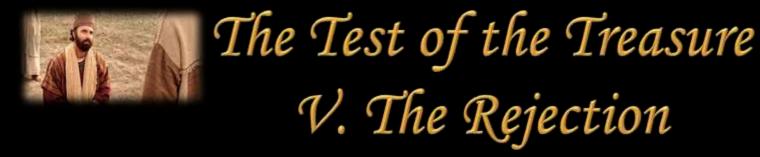










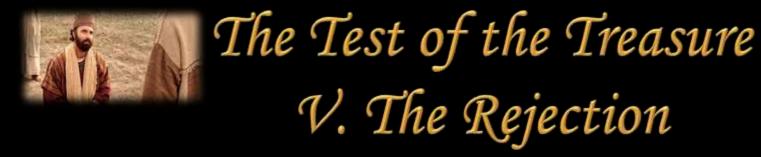


### The reason <u>water</u> fell on the floor is because there was <u>water</u> in the pitcher.

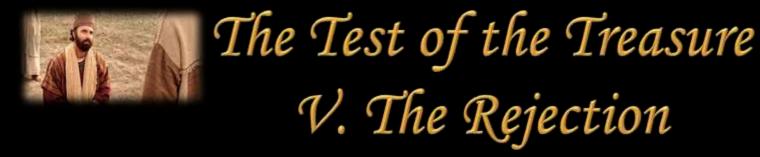


Jesus' ultimate answer to this young man's question of what he must do to have eternal life is in essence, "Come, follow Me."





# Bailey Hemphill's fatal mistake was that she <u>MISSED HOME PLATE!</u>

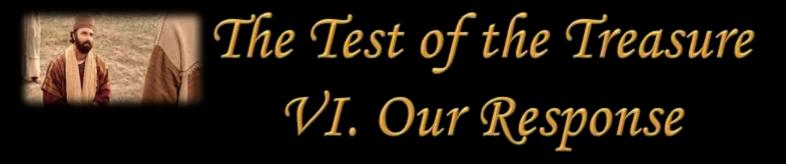


"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." Jim Elliot

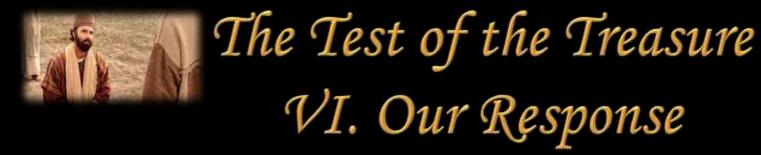




VI. Our Response



"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



#### What do you treasure?









### The Test of the Treasure Conclusion

#### A Profile of the Lukewarm



"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



#### "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. Matthew 13:45



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"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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## **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

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