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# Things to Notice in the Account

- The man was an affluent leader in society
  - *Luke 18:18, 24* Some claim that proved God's blessing
- He wanted to inherit eternal life
  - *“Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”*
- Jesus responded with what the law said to answer
  - *“You know the commandments...”*
- Jesus responded to the man out of love for him
  - *“Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said...”*
- Jesus told the man what he needed to inherit life
  - *“One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor...”*
- What can we learn from Jesus' instruction to him?

# Lessons Learned from Jesus' Instruction

- We live in an age that would have justified the man
  - He wanted eternal life & gave some effort to seek it
  - His life as whole was very good – moral, honest, respect
  - But Jesus said he would not inherit life without change
- One failure or sin can keep us from heaven
  - *1 Jn. 3:4* → *Matt. 7:23* “depart” if practice lawlessness
  - *Roman 6:23* “Wages of sin is death”
- It is loving to show sin that can cause us to be lost
  - *John 4:1-24* Jesus taught same to Samaritan woman
- God's will is basis to determine what must be done
  - *John 12:48* → *Deut. 18:18-19*

# Question We Need to Ask Ourselves:

## *“Am I Lacking One Thing...”*

- In ridding my life of sin?
- In serving others as I should?
- In failure to grow as God expects of me?
- In worshipping & serving the Lord daily?
- In not fully obeying the gospel of Christ?

*How Terrible It Would Be To Find Out Too Late!*