

**Allen Temple Baptist Church**  
**Sunday School Live** 

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**February 16, 2025**

**Text: Matthew 19:16-30**

**Title: Living Lastly**

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# LESSON OUTLINE

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- 1). **I. Introduction**
- 2). **Context**
- 3). **II. The Savior's Instruction**
- 4). **Lesson Text**
- 5). **Questions; Answers**
- 6). **Review and Application.**

# **Introduction**

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## **A Seeker's Inquiry**

- 1. A sincere desire motivated by an unclear understanding.**
- 2. The attempt to gain access to eternal life by performing a human action.**

# LESSON CONTEXT

The first part of the lesson introduces Jesus' encounter with an unnamed young man whom we refer to as "the rich young ruler." A well-established figure in the community.

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The encounter occurred only a few weeks before Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. At the time there were several tense encounters with Pharisees and others, as Jesus taught in Galilee and left for Judea.

# Matthew 19:16 NIV

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**16** Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?”

# Matthew 19:17 NIV

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**17** “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied.

“There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.”

# Matthew 19:18 NIV

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<sup>18</sup> “Which ones?” he inquired.

Jesus replied, “**You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony,**

# Matthew 19:19-20 NIV

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**<sup>19</sup> honor your father and mother,' and  
'love your neighbor as yourself.'**

**<sup>20</sup> "All these I have kept," the  
young man said. "What do I still lack?"**

# Matthew 19:20-21 NIV

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**21** Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

# **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

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- 1. Can one have eternal life because of their acts of goodness?**
- 2. What steps might be necessary to help a believer avoid these attitudes?**

# Matthew 19:22 NIV

**22** When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

# Matthew 19:23-24 NIV

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<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, “**Truly I tell you; it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup> Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.**”

## **Matthew 19:25-26 NIV**

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**<sup>25</sup> When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, “Who then can be saved?”**

**<sup>26</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”**

## Matthew 19:27 NIV

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. <sup>27</sup> Peter answered him,  
“We have left everything to  
follow you! What then will  
there be for us?”

# Matthew 19:28 NIV

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**28** Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

# Matthew 19:29 NIV

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**And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife<sup>[e]</sup> or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.**

# Matthew 19:30 NIV

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**<sup>30</sup> But many who are first  
will be last, and many  
who are last will be first**

# Questions To Consider

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1. Who gives access to eternal life?
2. What commandment did the young ruler violate?
3. Was it the wealth or his love for it that cost him his salvation?

# RESOURCES

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- **NEW INTERPRETERS NIV, NRSV BIBLE.**
- **BIBLE REFERENCE.COM**
- **INSIGHT FOR LIVING**
- **BIBLE STUDY TOOLS.COM**
- **THE NEW TESTAMENT**
- **STANDARD LESSON COMMENTARY.**