

WHAT DO I STILL LACK?

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A PERSONAL INVENTORY

“THE YOUNG MAN SAID TO HIM, ‘ALL THESE THINGS I HAVE KEPT FROM MY YOUTH’. WHAT DO I STILL LACK?” *(VERSE 20)*



THERE WAS MUCH TO COMMEND THIS YOUNG MAN

- HE WAS PERCEPTIVE AND WENT TO JESUS WITH HIS INQUIRY
 - HE WAS HUMBLE AND REVERENT
- HE POSSESSED OUTSTANDING MORAL CHARACTER



YET; HE REALIZED THAT HE WAS LACKING SOMETHING

- HE KNEW THAT GOOD MORALS ALONE COULD NOT SATISFY HIS SOUL
- HE KNEW THAT RELIGION, EDUCATION, AND WEALTH COULD NOT FULFILL HIS LIFE
- HE KNEW THAT LIFE WITHOUT JESUS LACKS PURPOSE - TRANSFORMATION



THINGS THAT KEEP PEOPLE FROM FOLLOWING JESUS

- FOR THIS YOUNG MAN, IT WAS A LOVE FOR MATERIAL THINGS (*MARK 8:36*)
- FOR OTHERS, IT MIGHT BE A LOVE FOR WORLDLY PLEASURE (*1 John 2:15-17*)
- YET FOR OTHERS, IT MIGHT BE A DESIRE TO BE POPULAR IN THE WORLD...



THE TRAGIC DECISION THE YOUNG MAN MADE

- HE CHOSE RICHES; OVER ETERNAL LIFE (*JOHN 14:6*)
- HE CHOSE UNFULFILLED PURPOSE; OVER ABUNDANT LIFE (*JOHN 10:10*)
- HE CHOSE SORROWFUL; OVER BEING A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST (*VERSE 21*)

