

# ONE THING REMAINS

**MARK 10:17-31**

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Mark 10 features a well-intentioned young man who asks Jesus an important question, “What must I do to be saved?” Jesus instructs him to obey the commandments. The young man replies saying, “I have kept each of these since my youth.” This claim to perfection is impossible. Romans 3:23 teaches us that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Jesus does not criticize the young man’s claim to perfection. Jesus “looks at him and loves him” (10:21) and tells him that one thing remains between the young man and perfection. “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” The most important thing in that young man’s life was his treasure on earth.

- What is the most important thing in your life?
- Why is it impossible to serve more than one master? (Look at Matthew 6:24 for more info on this).

- In the sermon, several things that we make idols in our lives are mentioned: the gods of food, sex, entertainment, success, money, achievement, romance, family, and perhaps the most devastating of all: the god of self. These are created things that God designed as blessings, yet they can control and destroy our lives. Have you ever struggled with any of these taking God's place in your life?
- The key to getting rid of idols in our lives is to identify and replace them. What idols do you need to identify in your life? How can you replace them?

