



Part 4: The Commitment

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Mark 10:17-22

¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

Two common but flawed assumptions:

Goodness can be achieved

Eternal life can be earned

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him.

Condemnation vs. Conviction:

Condemnation is driven by shame

Conviction is driven by love

^{21b} "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

- Jesus is calling out the one thing that would compete for the man's eternal attention.
- Jesus was not calling the young man to choose between something and nothing. Jesus was calling him to choose between temporary and eternal.

²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

The Question of Commitment

What is the one thing that would cause you to walk away from a deep commitment to Jesus?

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Next Steps

The Alpha Course: Alpha is an opportunity to ask any question about Christianity and learn the foundations of a relationship with Jesus (plus get free dinner)! But it's also a great training ground for a seasoned Christians to learn how to explain their faith in practical ways that make sense to unchurched people. You'll also get a chance to love and serve new believers and seekers.

Alpha starts Monday, October 18 at 5:45 PM. **Register today at the Connection Point (FREE).** See the back of today's program or What's Happening for full details.

Deep Guide: If you don't yet have a copy of the Deep Discipleship Guide, pick up one in the Commons today or download it from ctkbellingham.com or CTK's Facebook page ([ctkbellingham](http://ctkbellingham.com)). The guide will help you assess where you are in your spiritual journey and give you ideas of how to go deeper at any stage. Choose one of the steps listed and make a commitment to follow through. Many of the fall classes have started or start soon, but it's never too late to start serving, start praying more, get connected in a small group, or make an important decision.

On Your Way Home

It's fall. The leaves are changing and it's a great time to stop and take stock of your life. Before you get home to all the distractions that await, take a moment and pull off the road somewhere safe. Invite God to put his finger on an area of your life that needs to go deeper. Ask him for the courage to act on his prompting.

Small Group Questions



- 1) How does fall make you feel?
 - a. I love it because _____ is happening
 - b. It's depressing because winter is coming
 - c. It's awesome because Christmas is next!
 - d. It's just another season of life
 - e. Other..
- 2) Where are you purposefully going deep spiritually this fall?
- 3) Read the story of the rich young man again. What questions do you have about the way Jesus handled the situation? Where do you cringe in the story?
- 4) What is the one thing that would cause you to walk away from a deep commitment to Jesus?
- 5) Do you think the man ever came back? Why or why not?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?