



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 19: 16-22

A young man approached Jesus and said,
"Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?"
He answered him, "Why do you ask me about the good?
There is only One who is good.
If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments."
He asked him, "Which ones?"
And Jesus replied, "You shall not kill;
you shall not commit adultery;
you shall not steal;
you shall not bear false witness;
honor your father and your mother;
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."
The young man said to him,
"All of these I have observed. What do I still lack?"
Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go,
sell what you have and give to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven.
Then come, follow me."
When the young man heard this statement, he went away sad,
for he had many possessions.

Our Scripture Reflection

The rich man had everything that money could buy. However, what he did not have was faith. He was possessed by his possessions and only true faith could set him free. That's what Jesus wanted for the man but he did not trust Him enough to let go. True faith brings true freedom.

Food for your Journey

"The man was very rich; he had everything except the one thing he needed -- poverty," writes John Fenton in Finding the Way through Mark. "To say, You lack one thing, to a rich man, who can buy anything he wants, is a joke, because what he inevitably lacks is not having anything."

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, May Your Grace set me free from my obsessions and addictions so that I may have faith and true freedom. Amen.