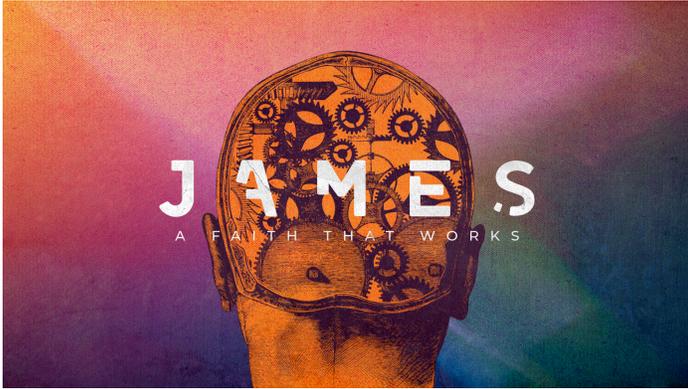


TAKE HOME SHEET



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When you think about your life and goals, how do you measure success?

How do you measure success when you look at others around you?

Jesus was approached by a man that most people saw as very successful.

¹⁶ Someone came to Jesus with this question: "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" ¹⁷ "Why ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. But to answer your question—if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments." ¹⁸ "Which ones?" the man asked. And Jesus replied: "You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. ¹⁹ Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as yourself." ²⁰ "I've obeyed all these commandments," the young man replied. "What else must I do?" ²¹ Jesus told him, "If you want

to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²² But when the young man heard this, he went away very sad, for he had many possessions. ²³ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. ²⁴ I'll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" ²⁵ The disciples were astounded. "Then who in the world can be saved?" they asked. ²⁶ Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible." ²⁷ Then Peter said to him, "We've given up everything to follow you. What will we get?" ²⁸ "Yes," Jesus replied, "and I assure you that when the world is made new and the Son of Man sits upon his glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for my sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are the greatest now will be least important then, and those who seem least important now will be the greatest then."

Matthew 19:16-30 (NLT)

This is the only time Jesus ever asked someone to sell all they had. He did this to show the young man that all he owned really owned him.

Come up with three or four practical applications from this story to help you be someone that follows God with a free and generous heart.

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

TLB – The Living Bible