

MATTHEW 19 "RICH"

"What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?" Matthew 16:26

Eternal Life and Money?

Eternal life is a connection with the Lord—life is in Him. What do we do to have eternal life? We follow Jesus. We would have Him more than anything else. He is the pearl of great price for which we sell all that we have to buy. • I John 5:11-12 "And this is what God has testified. he has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. So whoever has God's son has life; whoever does not have his son does not have life."

• V 16-21 "Someone came to Jesus with this question. 'Teacher, what good **things much I do to have eternal life?** ...I've obeyed all these commandments,' the young man replied. 'What else must I do?' Jesus told him, 'If you want to be perfect, go and sell all you have and give it to the poor and come and follow me.' "

- A RICH MAN that goes to heaven lets go of his money.

v.22 "He walked away sadly because he had many possessions."

He chose his money over God. "Don't be greedy for the good things of this life for that is idolatry (that is, the worship of another god). Colossians 3:5 Jesus said, "You cannot serve both God and money."

Matthew 6:24

• MONKEYS are trapped by putting food they like in a bottle whose neck is small enough for their hand to go in but too small for their fist closed around food to come out. Greed is like that ---we are trapped by money and can't follow Jesus unless we let go of it.

- Some things involved in letting go are: (1) Recognizing greed can destroy us.
(2) In favor of each person getting a piece of the nation's prosperity pie, not necessarily same size.
(3) Getting out of debt in order to have a heart and an ability to be generous.
(4) Asking the Lord to set us free from greed - something impossible for us.