

## Five-Minute Finances – Choice



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### Prayer

Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as you begin reading passages of Scripture. Ask for clarity and insight as you engage in God's word.



### Scripture Reading- Matthew 19:16-30

#### The Rich Young Man

<sup>16</sup> And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" <sup>17</sup> And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." <sup>18</sup> He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, <sup>19</sup> Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>20</sup> The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup> Again I tell you, 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." <sup>25</sup> When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" <sup>26</sup> But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." <sup>27</sup> Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" <sup>28</sup> Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup> And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first.



## Observation

1. What do these verses say about...

*The rich young man?*

*Jesus?*

*Eternal life?*

*The kingdom of heaven?*



### **Interpretation**

2. Why do you think Jesus points the young man to the ten commandments?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. If you were to ask Jesus what you "still lack", what do you think his response would be?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What does verse 30 mean to you?



## Application

This story ends on a positive note. Peter, internalizing the exchange, asks for clarification on what's in it for those who give up everything and put God first. Jesus, with maybe a twinkle in His eye and a grin on His face, lays it out. He'll be on the throne, and we get to be with Him. Plus, we'll receive a hundred times as much we give up in return. And if that wasn't enough, we'll inherit eternal life. Pretty good deal... I'd say a win.

So, call your shot today. Choose God over money. When we do, we make a conscious choice to apply finances God's way – to spend less than we make, get out of debt, save for the future, and generously serve others on our financial discipleship journey.



## Continue your Journey...

The 5 Pillars of financial discipleship are a big deal. In this lesson, you've just tackled the pillar of choice. If you're willing to make the choice of God over money, you're ready for the next pillar- Multiplication. Go to [FiveMinuteFinances.org](https://FiveMinuteFinances.org) to continue your financial discipleship journey.



## Multiplication

Thanks for taking the time to go through this devotional! We pray the Lord would draw you ever closer to Him as you continue on your financial discipleship journey!

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