

I'm Transformed...Now What?

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I. Introduction

II. The Transformed Young Man's Dilemma

- A. Mark 10:17-31 (NIV) ¹⁷As 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."²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "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."²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!"²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God: all things are possible with God."²⁸ Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!"²⁹ "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life."³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first."
- B. "My biggest fear, even now, is that I will hear Jesus' words and walk away, content to settle for less than radical obedience to Him." (David Platt)

III. What Do You Need to "Sell" in Order to Follow Jesus?

- A. Matthew 16:24-26 (NIV) ²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."²⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.²⁶ What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

IV. Where Should We "Follow" Jesus?

- A. We need to follow Him in service.
1. John 13:12-17 (NIV) ¹²When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them.¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am."¹⁴ Now that I, your

Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

B. We need to follow Him in His mission.

1. Luke 19:1-10 (NIV) ¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. ⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'" ⁸But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham." ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

C. We need to follow Him in love.

1. John 13:34-35 (NIV) ³⁴"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

V. Conclusion