



# The Sad Rich Ruler: A Money Story

Dr. Jeff Bucknam | Luke 18:18–30

1. Why is it hard for us to believe that Jesus' commands regarding our money and possessions are actually good for us? What kinds of practices or habits would help us think His commands are good?

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2. What is it about money that makes us put so much of our hope in it?

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3. Reflect on your experience in buying new things. Does the buying provide joy? For how long? Do you have any examples of particular things you have purchased that provided a "fleeting" joy, but now seem mundane?

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4. What is Paul's "secret of contentment" in Philippians 4:10-13? How does it address the problem of wanting more money and possessions?

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5. Why is it difficult for us to agree with Jesus that it's hard for rich people to enter the Kingdom of God? What do riches do to people to make them not really willing to submit to and follow Jesus?

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6. How will God "repay" us in this life for the material sacrifices we make for His kingdom? Have you experienced this? If so, how?

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7. Some prosperity teachers claim that the more you give God, the more He will owe you. Does this passage support this view? Why or why not?

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