



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: MATTHEW 19:16-22

TITLE: AM I MISSING AN INTERSECTION WITH SOMEONE?

INTRODUCTION

- A. Is eternal life a matter of my action – what I do or not do? _____
- B. No. It is a matter of righteousness – that is, being right with God – through faith in Jesus _____
1. **Romans 14:17**, *for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*
 2. **Romans 4:2, 3**, ² *For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*
 3. **Romans 3:21, 22**, ²¹ *But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference*
- C. The evidence that I am right with God – through faith in Jesus – is my relationship with others _____
- D. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.* _____

WHAT GOOD THING SHALL I DO...?

- A. He tried to flatter Jesus/manipulate Jesus _____
- B. He thought eternal life could be purchased with good works _____
- C. Many of us have used our influence and affluence to get what we wanted _____
- D. How many of us have tried that with God? _____

KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS

- A. Jesus dismissed the flattery, “Only God is good” _____
- B. Jesus addressed the question, “Keep the commandments” _____
1. **Leviticus 18:5**, *You shall keep my statutes and my ordinances; by doing so one shall live: I am the Lord*
 2. **John 14:15**, ¹⁵ *“If you love Me, keep My commandments.*
 3. **1 John 2:3**, ³ *Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.*
- C. The man asked, “Which ones?”
- D. The 10 Commandments are divided into two sections
1. The first four commandments assist in nurturing and enhancing our relationship with God
 2. The remaining six commandments assist in nurturing and enhancing our relationship with each other
 3. Jesus recited the six commandments relating to human interactions

WHAT WAS THE MISSED INTERSECTION?

- A. The inescapable network of mutuality? The single garment of destiny? The indirect affect? _____
- B. “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” _____
1. You shall not murder
 2. You shall not commit adultery
 3. You shall not steal
 4. You shall not bear false witness
 5. Honor your father and *your* mother
 6. You shall love your neighbor as yourself

- C. The man's attention was on what he was not doing. Jesus refocused his attention to what he needed to do _____
1. **GO**, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor (and you will have treasure in heaven)
 2. **COME**, follow me
- D. The evidence of my **COMING** to follow Jesus is my **GOING** to assist others _____
1. **1 John 3:16, 17**, ¹⁶ *By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.* ¹⁷ *But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?*
 2. **1 John 3:18**, ¹⁸ *My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed [action] and in truth.*
 3. **1 John 4:20, 21**, ²⁰ *If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?* ²¹ *And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.*
- E. Does my attention need to be refocused to what I need to do? _____
- F. Am I missing an intersection with someone? _____