

- I. The failure of human achievement (vs. 16-21)
 - A. The man was young and rich
 - B. The man had authority and power
 - C. The man had tried to obey the law
 - D. The man lacked assurance of eternal life
 - E. The man was seeking for the answer
- II. The call to follow Jesus (vs. 22)
 - A. It is a call to renounce the things you trust in

“I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.” (Philippians 3:8)

- B. It is a call to trust in Jesus Christ
- C. It is a call to live as a follower of Jesus
- D. It is a call to care about others

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:4)

- E. It is a call to invest in eternal things

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.” (Matthew 6:19)

- III. The call to follow Jesus demands a response (vs. 23-27)
 - A. The man rejected the offer of heavenly treasure
 - B. The man kept his treasure on earth

“What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?” (Matthew 16:26)

- C. The man refused to follow Jesus
- D. The man went away sad

- IV. Those who choose to follow Jesus are blessed (vs. 28-30)
 - A. They are blessed with eternal life

“This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)

B. They are blessed with eternal joy

“You believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.” (I Peter 1:8)

C. They are blessed with eternal rewards