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True Disciples Put Jesus First Mark 10:17-10:22

95% commitment to Jesus Christ is 5% short.

What does it mean to put Jesus first?

Mark 10:17-22... *Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"*¹⁸ *So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God."*¹⁹ *"You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'"*²⁰ *And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth."*²¹ *Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."*²² *But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.*

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What went wrong here? This guy had so many things going right.

The Bible says, "*Jesus looked at him and loved him. . .*"

1. He was full of enthusiasm. "Now as He was going out on the road, one came running..." (Mark 10:17)

TRUTH: Being a Christ-follower is more than being sincere.

2. He came to the right person. "*He knelt before Him [Jesus]*"

TRUTH: Being a Christ-follower is more than admitting that Jesus has good advice.

3. He asked the right question. "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" (Mark 10:17)!

TRUTH: Being a Christ-follower is more than knowing you need to be saved.

4. He was a good man. "All these things I have kept from my youth."

TRUTH: Being a Christ-follower is more than keeping rules.

What is it that's keeping you from being a fully committed follower of Jesus Christ?

Here's how to surrender your life to Jesus Christ:

Get rid of the excuses.

Excuse #1: Someone.

Excuse #2: Someday

Excuse #3: Something

Excuse #4: Somewhere

Get rid of that excuse! Tell Jesus, "I'll follow you anywhere!"

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