

One Thing Thou Lackest

TEXT: Mark 10: 17-22 (Story of Mordecai Ham - "Too Late!")

"It is only wise to give up what you cannot keep in order to gain what you cannot lose!"

1. **A "GOOD MAN"?** (Many "good points" to some; but like a porcupine, you can't get close!)
 - A. He was *enthusiastic* (running!); *prominent* (ruler - Luke 18: 18); *upright* (all kept from youth!)
 - B. If "Good Works" would save a man, he'd been home-free! (Titus 3: 5 "*Not by works...*")
 - C. Christ's list of commandments were all **man-ward!** (By his own will he broke the 1st!)

2. **OUR LORD'S RESPONSE?** ("*Beholding*" = *Gr. Discerned, Searched*)
 - A. He loved him! (and He loves you too!)
 - B. Was Christ teaching a "works" salvation? (remember which laws he quoted)
 1. "*Sell Whatsoever*" (whatever hinders!) "*And give to the poor.*"
* Trade the *temporal* for the *eternal* ("Treasure in Heaven!")
 2. "*Come; take up THE Cross* (compare what He said to His disciples - "his")
* The cross was a symbol of shame to the jews. To believers, it is the *Instrument of death*"
 3. "*Follow me*" (a new direction, not his own, with a new captain at the helm!)

3. **DID WEALTH KEEP HIM OUT OF HEAVEN?** (vs. 25 - "camel, eye")
* Money is not intrinsically evil; only if the love of it stands between a man and God!
 - A. What "*One-Thing*" are you lacking?
* Is the love of money, pleasure, or pride sending you to Hell? ("profit a man"? Mark 8: 36-37)
 - B. Christian; what is **your** "*One-Thing*"?
 1. Unconfessed sin?
 2. The lack of an intimate prayer life?
 3. Neglecting reverent time with God's precious Word?
 4. Grudging in your stewardship of time, talent and treasure?
 5. Silence before the profanity against God's blessed name?
 6. Unconcern for lost friends, loved-ones?
 7. Overwhelming problems robbing you of your joy?

THAT IS WHAT REVIVAL IS FOR! ("*Come unto me, all ye that labour...*" - Matt. 11: 28-30)