

## *Possessing True Riches*

As a devout Jew, this young man had wealth and means. However, he realized something was lacking in his life. So he asked the Master, "What must I do to be saved?" The response Jesus gave was to obey the commandments of which the young man responded by saying he's known them from his youth. It was a command by God and had become a Jewish tradition to teach the children the Law so that it would not depart from them. Jesus lovingly said "that was good, but you lack one thing: sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you shall have treasures in heaven: and come and follow Me." The young man knew he had great wealth and he walked away saddened. He turned from what he was seeking: the One who gave the Law and continue to be bound by the law. He turned from the Giver of Life to hold onto material things that had no life. Had he released what he had so that others would have more, he would have gained the greatest riches of all. Instead he missed his time of true riches and eternal authority in the Kingdom – an opportunity to reign with his King in His Kingdom.

What are we valuing more than life itself? An indication will be what we've been asked to give up in order to follow the one who has given us all things. Until we realize the greater value and be willing to give up even that which has worked in our past successes – we will never know our true worth and purpose in life. God gave up everything in His Son to gain the more.

The law of sowing and reaping works just that way. He gave up, released and sowed what he loved and valued most to gain that which is most precious to Him: you and me. To the natural mind it would appear to be a great gamble with a great risk of losing everything. But this is a spiritual principle operated by love for another. Those who try to save their life will lose it and those who lose their life for His sake will find it. There is no greater love than our willingness to lay down our life for another. That kind of love only comes by way of Christ and the cross.

### ***Scriptures:***

*Genesis 26:12*

*Hosea 10:12*

*Luke 18:18-30*

*John 3:16*

*Romans 8:29*

*Galatians 6:7-9*

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