

TO HELP US STUDY

1. What did the young man ask Jesus? _____

2. What did Jesus tell him he should do? _____
3. The young man answered, "Teacher, these I have _____ since I was a _____."
4. What one other thing did the young man need to do? _____

5. Why was the young man sorrowful when he left Jesus? _____
6. Jesus then said, "How hard it is for _____ to enter the _____ of God!"
7. What was Jesus' famous statement about a camel? _____

8. Are you rich? _____
9. Was Jesus against rich people? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones*—Mark 10:23, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"
Older ones—Mark 10:24-25

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

What was Jesus' personal attitude toward wealth? On the back of this page, write about Jesus' concept of riches. Cite scriptures to back up your ideas.

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

Few of us realize just how much our attitudes toward wealth affect us. Some historians have suggested that all wars, civilizations, and separations into national groups are the result of attitudes toward wealth. Those who have many possessions oppose and try to control those who have little, according to this theory. So all history becomes the struggle between the "haves" and the "have nots."

Whether this is true or not, our attitudes toward wealth do greatly affect us. For example, most of us tend to distrust the very rich, don't we? Poorer people doubt the motives of their richer neighbors, often questioning their methods of getting rich. On the other hand, many rich folks look down their wealthy noses at the poor and see them as worthless rabble. Both attitudes are basically prejudice. We need to teach our children to judge all people individually for who and what they are. Like Jesus, we and our children need to see equal human worth in rich young men and in poor widows.

Even deeper than this, our feelings toward riches determine the directions of our lives. If we see wealth as the solution to all our woes, if we covet wealth and sell our souls to get it, then wealth becomes our god. Our lives then are turned away from the Lord. Stop right now and read 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19. No, don't read this line yet. Go read Paul's words about riches. Then through this week's story teach your children this godly attitude toward wealth.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Mt 6:19-21; Jn 6:27; Ecc 5:19; Dt 8:10-14; Mk 14:19; Lk 12:15-31.