

A Rich Official and a Blind Beggar

Luke 18:15-43

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The disciples stopped people from bringing their children to Jesus, but he said, "Let the little children come to me. Don't try to stop them. The Kingdom of God belongs to children like these. If you don't accept the Kingdom of God the way a little child does, you will never, ever enter it."

A local official asked, "Good teacher, what do I need to do to be worthy of eternal life?"

Jesus said, "Why do you call me good? Only God is good. But you know the commandments: don't commit adultery, don't murder, don't steal, don't lie, honor your father and mother."

"I've always obeyed all these commands."

"Good! Then there's just one thing left for you to do. Go, sell everything you have and give the money to the poor – you'll have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

The man went away disappointed because he was very rich. Jesus said, "It would be easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God."

Some people asked, "Then what chance does anyone have to be saved?"

Jesus replied, "No chance at all if you think you can manage it on your own. But every possible chance if you trust in God."

As Jesus was approaching Jericho, there was a blind man begging at the side of the road. He started shouting, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

The people in the crowd tried to hush him up, but he just shouted all the louder. Jesus stopped and asked the man, "What can I do for you?"

"Lord, I want to see."

"Then see. Your faith has healed you." Immediately the man could see and praised God. The people in the crowd also praised God.