

“BEING A SUCCESSFUL STEWARD” – pt 3
CONSECRATION – The Requirement of a Successful Steward
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Mark 10:17-31

Background of the Rich Young Ruler:

- 1) Wealthy –
- 2) Ruler –
- 3) Good Moral Character –
- 4) Young –

Personality Assessment:

1. Has courage
2. Spontaneous
3. Humility
4. Open, real, transparent

Needs Assessment:

1. Spiritually frustrated
2. Spiritually immature
3. Spiritually independent

For Jesus, the source of fulfillment =

Dependence

For the Ruler, the source of fulfillment =

Independence

Radical Therapy

Two-part treatment:

- 1) Go and sell
- 2) Come and follow

Levels of control:

Top Level – God controls both me and my possessions

Middle Level – I control my possessions

Bottom Level – Possessions control me

Reactions to Rejection:

1. Rich young ruler – sad
2. Jesus – sad
3. Disciples – surprised or shocked

It is not what you take in but what you give out that opens the doors to God’s blessings.

4. Your reaction

Steps to Spiritual Fulfillment:

1. It’s impossible to find spiritual fulfillment in possessions vs. 25
2. Jesus Christ alone can give you spiritual fulfillment vs. 26-27
3. You want spiritual fulfillment? – Give God everything vs. 28-31

**To receive all that God has for you;
you must give all you have to God.**