

SERMON OUTLINE

3745 Market St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Sunday Morning 12/9/07

“Giving Glory to God”

I. Topic to be Discussed

- A. Our focus for 2007 has been on applying Matthew 5:16. This verse ends with glorifying God through our good works. Is God being glorified by my life? What does it mean to glorify God in this way?

II. The Rich Young Ruler: Matthew 19:16-22

- A. Picture the scene: see also Mark 10:17
- B. Appropriate for our topic: A man of good works - glorify God?

III. Questions About the Scene

- A. Why Would This Man Ever Ask This Question?
 - 1. He had it all - money, youth, power, morals... what else would he ever need? See Luke 12:15
 - 2. He wants “life” - zoe: “absolute fullness of life”, unfading
- B. Why Does Jesus Give Him a Difficult Time About His Question?
 - 1. Why the focus on “good” here?
 - a. Matt 19:16; Mark 10:17 - “good” thing, “Good” Teacher
 - b. Note: Matthew 5:16 - people may see your “good” works
 - 2. Jesus’ Answer:
 - a. SOURCE of good is from God: James 1:17-18
 - b. “I” can’t do ANYTHING good w/o God - Matt 19:26
 - c. He wants us to BELONG to Him: Luke 17:7-10
- C. Why Not a Complete List of the Commandments?
 - 1. Jesus lists some of the 10 commandments - not all
 - a. Matthew 22:34-40 - The great commandment: God, man
 - 2. Jesus left out the “God” part of the commandments
 - a. Why? He is describing this man’s life – loved others!
- D. Why Is Jesus So Demanding - What Does He Want?
 - 1. Mark 10:21 - Jesus felt a love for him
 - 2. He was missing that which gave MEANING to life
 - 3. I am “complete” when I belong to God: Ephesians 2:10

IV. Giving Glory to God

- A. God has made me everything I am: He ALONE deserves the glory
- B. What Do I Do? Matthew 19:21
 - 1. Sell everything - Let go!
 - 2. Pass the blessings on to others
 - 3. Live with a spiritual focus (treasure in heaven)
 - 4. Walk with Jesus - “I am Yours, use me”