

THE BIGGEST WORD IN THE BIBLE

Luke 18:18-30

We naturally believe salvation depends on what we DO—until Jesus shows us it depends on what He has already DONE.

- The Tyranny of DOING (vv. 18-21)
- The Danger of DON'T (vv. 22-23)
- The Gift of DONE (vv. 24-30)

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. The rich ruler asked Jesus, “What must I DO to inherit eternal life?” In what ways do people today still assume that salvation or God’s approval is something they must earn?
Luke 18:18-21, Eph. 2:8-9, Gal. 2:16
2. For the believer, how can even sincere works become a form of “trying to establish our own righteousness”?
Rom. 10:3, Prov. 14:2, Is. 64:6, Eph. 2:10
3. Jesus told the rich ruler to sell everything because He knew money had become an idol in his heart. What are some modern “idols” that can compete with our trust in Christ?
Luke 18:22-23, 16:13, Ex. 20:3
4. Jesus said it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God’s kingdom. Why do wealth, comfort, and self-sufficiency make it harder to fully depend on God? In what areas of your life is it hardest to truly trust God instead of yourself?
Luke 18:24-27, Prov. 30:8-9, 1 Tim. 6:9-10
5. The sermon emphasized that Christianity is based on what Christ has DONE, not on what we DO. How does believing this change the way we view obedience, service, and the Christian life? Where do you most need to rest in Christ’s finished work instead of striving to earn God’s favor?
John 19:30, Titus 3:4-5, Rom. 3:20-24, 1 Peter 3:18
6. Jesus promised that whatever we surrender for His sake will be repaid “many times over” both now and in eternity. How have you experienced the truth of that promise in your own life? What do you need to surrender to Him in this season.
Luke 18:28-30, Matt. 6:33, Mark 10:29-30, Phil. 3:7-8

