

Chasing Perfect

Matthew 19:16-22

16 Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?"

17 "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments."

18 "Which ones?" he inquired. Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, 19 honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'" 20 "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?"

21 Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

22 When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Struck again as I looked at this story, the man asked Jesus how to _____.

Eternal life only became something we sought to find after _____ entered the world.

Romans 1:19-20

19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So, they are without excuse.

Eternal life = _____

Chasing the perfect _____.

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Chasing the perfect _____, _____, the perfect _____.

Chasing perfection causes us to make _____.

Proverbs 27:19-20

19 As a face is reflected in water, so the heart reflects the real person. 20 Just as Death and Destruction are never satisfied, so human desire is never satisfied.

Chasing perfection causes us to feel _____.

Proverbs 30:15-16

15 The leech has two suckers that cry out, "More, more!" There are three things that are never satisfied—no, four that never say, "Enough!":

16 the grave, the barren womb, the thirsty desert, the blazing fire.

Chasing perfection is _____.

Ecclesiastes 6:9

9 Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't have. Just dreaming about nice things is meaningless—like chasing the wind.

The chase for perfection _____ us and yet leaves us _____.

Jesus gives us the solution: to _____ His perfection by _____.

Sacrifice causes you and I to live by _____ and _____ us to live a life confident in Christ.

Hebrews 10:34-39

34 You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. 35 So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. 36 You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. 37 For, "In just a little while, He who is coming will come and will not delay." 38 And, "But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back."

39 But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.

When Christ is our life, we have the _____

Hebrews 11:39-40

39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, 40 since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.