



**Lesson Fourteen | The Goodness of God
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Matthew 19: 16- 22

¹⁶ And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” ¹⁷ And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” ¹⁸ He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, ¹⁹ Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁰ The young man said to him, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?” ²¹ Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²² When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Discussion Question:

1. How do you define goodness? In what way do we define God's goodness according to our own standards rather than the other way around?
2. Read Matthew 19:16-17. What did Jesus mean when he said, "There is only one who is good"? Do you believe this is true?
3. What does the creation story teach us about the goodness of God?
4. How was the goodness of humanity lost?
5. What causes you to question the goodness of God?
6. Read Titus 3:3-8. How does the Gospel of Jesus Christ prove the goodness of God?