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## WHY I'M GOOD...

"As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. 'Good teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. 'No one is good – except God alone. You know the commandments: Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.' 'Teacher,' he declared, 'all these I have kept since I was a boy.' Jesus looked at him and loved him. 'One thing you lack,' he said. 'Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.' At this, the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth." Mark 10:17-22

The young ruler "went away sad" (Mark 10:22) because he realized he had technically kept the commandments, but failed miserably to keep the first and greatest of the commandments - "love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength" (Matthew 22:37-38). The man's riches were of more worth to him than God, and thus he was not "good" in the eyes of God.

Jesus states "only God is good", but it was no admission that Jesus personally was not good. It was the most arresting statement to man to hear "only God is good" and NO HUMAN can measure up.

Every man chooses... Good or evil, yes of course...but rarely. Every man chooses constantly between God and his own wealth/treasure. How much is enough...is it ever enough? Where is that line between "enough" and "greedy" in God's eyes...

Every man successfully chooses his own treasure in life. Pleasure, spouse, children, accumulation of wealth, possessions...even status and titles, honors of men, education, degrees, Church leadership...

'One thing you lack,' he said. 'Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'

Every man chooses... no man is "good" even if we do "sell everything you have and give to the poor" as Jesus said.

It is what Jesus said after instructing us to choose to remove any and all things that prevent us from the main thing in life... "Then come, follow me".

I'M GOOD... but only because my God made a way through His son Jesus to sacrifice His brutally tortured, bloody body in public humiliation before men on a cruel cross... that made ME GOOD in God's eyes when I chose to "Then come, follow me"...

I'M GOOD... because Jesus says I am... I pray and Jesus intervenes on my behalf to our Father God who knows my heart is not good at times, but that Jesus paid the price for my sin, so I'M GOOD.

GOOD FRIDAY today... is a holy day for me personally because I'M GOOD as a result of the horrible BAD day it memorializes, when Jesus was willingly, voluntarily, crucified...for my sin. I know it could not have been on a Friday as we Christians observe Good Friday. It is the day set aside as a memorial however, so I'M GOOD.

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