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Bible Study

*“...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which
are able to make thee wise unto salvation...”*
(2 Tim. 3:15)



What Is Your Breaking Point

{Luke 18:18-23}

v.18) *“And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”*

- “ruler” – [Grk.] (*archon*), *ar'-khone*: first in rank or power; chief or prince.
- [Jn. 3:1] refers to Nicodemus being a member of the Sanhedrin.
- [Lk. 8:41] refers to Jairus as an official of the synagogue.
- [Matt. 19:20] we also learn from this passage that he's a young man.
- “what shall I do” – he was trying to keep up with the Jewish legalistic system of self-righteousness and he sought that one good work that would push him over the top to obtain eternal life for himself.
- He believed in God and was zealous for spiritual knowledge. He was a sincere, moral young man who was trying his best to please God. He was good, but he was still lost.

v.19) *“And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God.”*

- Jesus is making an effort to cause the man to identify the source of His goodness, which is the very goodness of God. In fact, the obvious purpose of Jesus' reply is to force the ruler to the realization that Jesus is good because He is God.

v.20) *“Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.”*

- Jesus lists the second half of the Ten Commandments. [Deut. 16-20]
- Jesus is not teaching that salvation is by works which is what many Jews came to believe over their lives. Salvation is by grace through faith. [Eph. 2:8,9]
- Jesus is trying to show him that he has a need of something apart from the law for salvation because no man can perfectly keep the Law. [Jas. 2:10; Gal. 3:24]
- This young man has missed the true purpose of God's Law which was given to teach us that we are sinners.

