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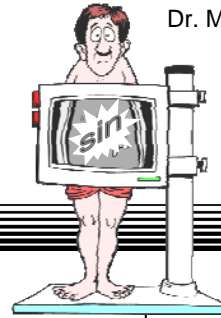
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# How to Get Eternal Life

## *Getting Honest About Myself*

part 2



1. Keep \_\_\_\_\_

2. Admit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Rely \_\_\_\_\_

4. Keep \_\_\_\_\_

Mt. 19:17b-22

<sup>17b</sup> "If you want to enter life, obey the commandments."

<sup>18</sup> "Which ones?" the man inquired.

Jesus replied, "Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, <sup>19</sup> honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'"

<sup>20</sup> "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?"

<sup>21</sup> 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."

<sup>22</sup> When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. (NIV)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.*

1. What is revealed about people's understanding of God when they choose to believe that "trying to do good" is all that is required to be acceptable in his sight?
2. Read **Romans 3:22-24**. Why do you think it is so hard for people to admit that they "fall short" of God's standard?

Read **Romans 4:4-5**. Why do you think so many prefer the idea of "earning" their eternal life?

3. Read **Ephesians 2:8-9**. Describe the connection between humility, salvation and worship.
4. Read **Psalms 51:4**. How does this statement make sense considering the historical context of this Psalm (see the psalm's introductory notation, i.e., "...after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba")?

5. How would you respond to someone who says: "Christians who try to keep God's rules are legalists!"

## *Read Through the Bible in a Year*

Here's this  
week's schedule:

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Josh. 7-8 & Lk. 21*

**April 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Josh. 9-10 & Lk. 22*

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Josh. 11-12 & Lk. 23*

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Josh. 13-14 & Lk. 24*

**April 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Josh. 15-16 & Jn. 1*

**April 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Josh. 17-18 & Jn. 2*

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Josh. 19-20 & Jn. 3*

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Josh. 21-22 & Jn. 4*

*Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.*

CD # 0663 – **The Sin Problem: And Our Problem with Sin**

CD # 0667 – **Being Totally Honest About Your Sin**

CD # 0730 – **Our Fight with Sin: Recalling Why This is So Important**

CD # 0732 – **Seeing Obedience as an Act of Worship**

*Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.  
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to [www.CompassBooks.org](http://www.CompassBooks.org).)*

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