



COLLECTING NOT TO KEEP

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LUKE 18:20 NKJV – (20) But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?

Do you need it? What inheritance are you leaving? If you are collecting idols, do you need it? Are you trying to keep up with the Jones? Oh, fine things are nice and it's okay if we work for them. As long as God has blessed the occasion. But have these things clouded your focus of making God first? When I say inheritance are you teaching yours to keep up with the same habits? Is God really first or are we just saying His name to make it seem He is the priority. The world is in serious trouble due to idolatry. Idolatry sets in when all other things become first before God. Read the next paragraph.

MATTHEW 19:16-22 NKJV – (16) Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" **(17)** So, He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, *that is*, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." **(18)** He said to Him, "Which ones?" 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 *your* mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' " **(20)** The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" **(21)** Jesus said to him, "**If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.**" **(22)** But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Read what the ruler asked and read the answer of Jesus gave. Are you willing to sacrifice?

SCRIPTURE READING: **MATTHEW 7:21**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Teach by example. Teach the truth.