

The Rich Man Who had Everything - but did not have Peace! (Easy)

1. One day, a young Jewish leader ran up to Jesus. He got down on his knees in front of Jesus. The young man had a question that he wanted to ask Jesus. He had a problem in his life and he wanted Jesus to help him.

"Good Teacher, what can I do to have a life that has meaning and peace?" he asked Jesus.

2. "Why do you call Me good?" Jesus asked. "There is only One who is really good and that is God." Then Jesus talked to the young man about the Jewish 10 commandments: "Do not murder. Do not commit adultery. Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not cheat. Treat your father and your mother with respect. Do these things and you will have a life with meaning."



3. When the young man heard the list of commandments Jesus recited to him, he said, "I have tried to obey all these commandments since I was a young boy. What is still lacking in my life? Why don't I have peace? What keeps me from having peace in my heart?"

Jesus looked at the young man and loved him. He cared about the young man and the needs in his life.



4. "One thing is missing in your life," Jesus said. "Here is what you need to do: Go, sell everything you have and give the money to the poor. Your life and heart will change and you will have real riches that will last forever - in heaven. Then come and follow Me and walk the same road with Me."



5. When the young man heard Jesus' words, he became very sad. He walked away from Jesus with a heavy heart because he was a very rich man and what Jesus told him to do was very difficult for him to do. But he knew that his money could not buy peace or happiness in his heart. He went away with lots to think about.



6. Jesus knew the young man was very selfish. He had a lot of money and nice things. He was a leader and people did what he told them to do. But Jesus knew that he would never have peace in his heart unless he changed and began to think of and care for others instead of think only about himself. If he gave to others, then he could follow Jesus. Jesus lived His life as He taught others they should live, and was always caring for those around Him.

Will the young man do what Jesus told him to do? We don't know! The Bible does not tell us the end of this story.

Questions: The Rich Man Who had Everything - but did not have Peace in his heart! (Easy)

1. Who came to talk to Jesus? _____
Why did he come to Jesus? _____
2. What did he do when he came to where Jesus was standing?

3. What name did he call Jesus? _____
4. What kind of life did the young man want to have?
A life with _____ and _____.
5. Who did Jesus say was the only One who is good? _____
6. Jesus talked about the young man's life and actions. Write the six commandments that Jesus mentioned.

7. What did the young man tell Jesus about his life and the commandments He had mentioned?

8. What did Jesus tell him to do to have peace in his heart?
a. _____ b. _____ c. _____
d. _____ e. _____
9. How did Jesus words make the man feel? a. _____ b. He had a _____
Why did he feel that way? _____
10. What did the rich, young man do next? _____



Grammar Exercise:

What was this man like? Read paragraphs #1, #5 and #6 again. Draw a circle around each of the words (adjectives) that tell us about the man. Example: young

Something to Think About and English Conversation Practice:

- a. List what the young man had: _____ List what he did not have: _____
- b. What do you think the young man will do next? What do you think is the end of the story?
- c. You are the young man's friend. What advice would you give him?
- d. How can we find peace for our lives today? How important is this in our lives?

The Rich Man Who Had Everything - But Peace - Guidelines for Teachers - (Easy)

Lesson Aims: To stimulate thought about peace and life that has meaning and purpose
To help students begin to think about what kind of a man Jesus was when He advised this rich young ruler as He did
To help students feel comfortable as they study this conversation Jesus had with the young man

Lesson Outline:

1. Read through the story together: (35 minutes)
2. Answer the comprehension questions: (35 minutes)
3. Something to Think About and English Conversation Practice: (20 minutes)
(depending on the ability and willingness of your group)
 - a. List what the young man had: List what he did not have:
 - b. What do you think the young man will do next?
(Possible answers: go away and do a lot of thinking, perhaps ask others for advice, forget everything that Jesus said and just go on as before without peace, keep seeking to know peace by doing good things, he might do as Jesus said because he believed what Jesus told him.)
What do you think is the end of the story?
 - c. You are the young man's friend. What advice would you give him?
 - d. How can we find peace and life with meaning today? How important is it to have these in our lives?
4. Grammar: Sentence Patterns: (optional) (15 minutes)
Can use as homework if you run out of time or omit.
Answers: are on teacher's answer sheet.

Matthew 19:16-22, Mark 10:17-22, Luke 18:18-23.

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Examples: Since I was a child, I have wanted to visit Australia.
(I have wanted to visit Australia since I was a child.)

Make new sentences by matching the two parts of the sentences below.
Fill in the letter and correct pronoun as in example a.

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| ___ Since she started jogging every day, | a. <u>I</u> have taken lots of pictures. |
| ___ Since the children saw the scary movie, | b. _____ has lost weight. |
| ___ Since her mother got sick, | c. _____ have been good friends. |
| ___ Since they watched the Olympics, | d. _____ has written me lots of e-mails. |
| <u>a</u> Since I bought my digital camera, | e. _____ has been able to see better. |
| ___ Since she got new glasses, | f. _____ has been taking care of her. |
| ___ Since we met each other 2 years ago, | g. _____ have had bad dreams. |
| ___ Since my friend, Paul, moved to Canada, | h. _____ have wanted to win a gold medal. |

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