

A BLIND MAN CAN SEE HIM!

LUKE 18:31-43

A study in contrast...

Rich Young Ruler

Good _____.

What must I ____?

In a position to _____.

Self _____, _____.

Blind Beggar

Son of _____.

Have _____ on me.

Only hope = _____.

Totally _____.

- Needs are the best _____ you will ever have.
- _____ = the common cold of the American Church.
- Our response to spiritual needs is often to _____ or _____.
- Our response to physical needs usually is one of _____.

*Why the difference? Because our physical needs are more _____ to us than our spiritual needs.
And our physical needs are more _____ to us than our spiritual needs.*

The cure?

1. Admit our _____. 2. Admit our _____. 3. Admit our _____.

- The degree of difficulty in experiencing grace is determined by the level of awareness we have of our _____. *Matthew 18:24 -- How _____ it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.*
- The rich young ruler went away _____... The blind beggar went away with _____.
One positioned himself for _____... The other pleaded for _____.

→ *Salvation means: rescue or deliverance. But, in order to be rescued we must admit we are _____.
In order to be delivered we must admit we are in _____.*

V.43

- The natural response to salvation and deliverance is to _____ and to _____ Jesus.
V.41 -- "What do you want me to do for you?"

REVELATION 3:17

What do you see? _____

→ _____ and _____ are the cancers of the modern church.

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LUKE 18:31-43

A study in contrast...

Rich Young Ruler

Good Teacher.

What must I do?

In a position to bargain.

Self reliant, righteous.

Blind Beggar

Son of David (Messiah).

Have mercy on me.

Only hope = beggar.

Totally dependent.

- **Needs are the best friend you will ever have.**
- **Pretending = the common cold of the American Church.**
- **Our response to spiritual needs is often to perform or pretend.**
- **Our response to physical needs usually is one of dependence.**

Why the difference? Because our physical needs are more real to us than our spiritual needs. And our physical needs are more important to us than our spiritual needs.

The cure?

1. Admit our neediness. 2. Admit our weakness. 3. Admit our brokenness.

- **The degree of difficulty in experiencing grace is determined by the level of awareness we have of our needs.** *Matthew 18:24 -- How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.*
- **The rich young ruler went away sad/lost... The blind beggar went away with sight/saved.** *One positioned himself for favor... The other pleaded for forgiveness.*

→ *Salvation means: rescue or deliverance. But, in order to be rescued we must admit we are lost. In order to be delivered we must admit we are in bondage.*

V.43

- **The natural response to salvation and deliverance is to follow and to glorify Jesus.** *V.41 -- "What do you want me to do for you?"*

REVELATION 3:17

What do you see? _____

→ **Comparison and competition are the cancers of the modern church.**