

**Sermon Notes – March 22, 2015**  
**“Jesus’ Regard for People”**  
**Mark 10:17-22**  
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**Get a mental profile of the man Jesus encounters here.**

- (See Matthew 19 and Luke 18 for additional details)
- Besides his wealth, what seems important to him?

**The man would have known how nearly any rabbi would answer his question about inheriting eternal life: keep the commandments, avoid sin, and offer sacrifices.**

- Why do you think he approaches Jesus with this question if he knew the standard answer and was confident that he’d kept the commandments well?
- How does Jesus see this man differently from the way others in the community likely would have viewed him?

**When the Lord looks at your heart (the real you) what does he see that is good that most others don’t?**

- That’s not so good?
- What longings?
- What wounds?

**Jesus tells the man that to receive eternal life he must be willing to part with something that is precious to him.**

- When in your life have you seen that a sacrificial choice is necessary to receive a significant blessing?

**“Jesus looked at him and loved him.” (verse 21)**

- How might beholding Jesus’ look of love, a love that led Jesus all the way to the Cross, motivate someone to follow him, even if doing so meant making some difficult choices?