

# MEANT FOR MORE PT 2

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## Key Scripture-

Matthew 19.16-22

Takeaway -

*We were created by God to live life to the fullest.*

## GROW-

Ephesians 2.8-9

## LIVE-

***Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?"***

***"Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments."***

***"Which ones?" he inquired.***

***Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'"***

***"All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?"***

***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."***

***When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.***

In this scene Jesus does what He often does, and flips the script of perspective on what is important, what is good, and what is Godly. The initial question, "... what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" is one will all want to know the answer to. If there is eternal life, we all want the answer of how to obtain it. What good thing can I do, what good thing must I do to earn eternal life?

So when the young man asked Jesus about eternal life, Jesus showed him that right standing with God flows from a pure heart. It is not enough to follow external standards. That sort of life tends to foster a spirit of self-righteousness. Followers of Jesus are expected to rely on Jesus alone as the one and only way to heaven, and to have a heart for God and His kingdom before all else.

## LOVE-

Jesus does not base our merit on what we can do, but what He has already done. The life, the death, the Resurrection, it was all for God's glory, for our benefit, and it restored the severed relationship between us and God caused by sin. You are not on a performance basis with God, because you could never live up to His holiness. And that's the point of the Cross, and the gospel; God came and did for us, what we could not do for ourselves

## LOOK-

Are you living your life on a performance basis with God?