

As Jesus was walking along the road, a man came running up to him. He fell down on his knees and began to ask Jesus a question. 'What must I do to have eternal life?'

Jesus looked at the man kneeling in front of him: 'You know the answer to that! You must obey God's laws.'

'I have obeyed God's laws all of my life,' replied the man.

Jesus looked at the man kneeling in front of him with love. He explained a little more. 'There is one more thing you must do. Go, sell everything you have, take the money and give it all to the poor. Then come and follow me.'

This made the man very upset. You see, he was very rich. He loved his money and his possessions more than he loved God. As the man got up and walked sadly away, Jesus turned to his disciples. He said, 'It is so hard for rich people to enter the kingdom of God.'

The disciples were shocked by this, so Jesus explained. 'Money can become more important to people than

loving God. More important than loving other people. It's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter God's kingdom.'



The disciples were even more confused and asked, 'How can anyone enter God's kingdom then?'

'Remember, with God, anything is possible,' Jesus replied. 'We left everything to follow you,' Peter said. 'Yes,' Jesus replied. 'And anyone who gives up things for me will be given a hundred times more. Those who appear to be important in the world are not important in God's kingdom. Those who seem unimportant in the world will be very important in God's kingdom.'

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