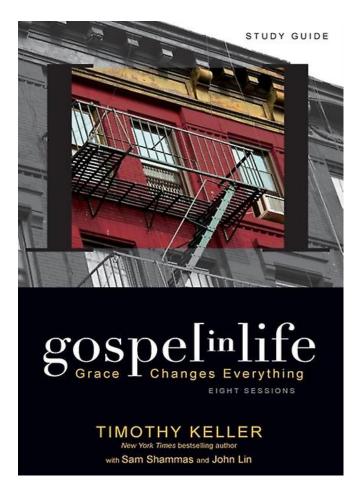


# Only Gospel can transform us!

# Luke 18:18-30; 19:1-9; Mark 10:17-27

## 3 ways to relate to God



Religion
Irreligion
The gospel



#### Mark Zuckerburg (46 B)

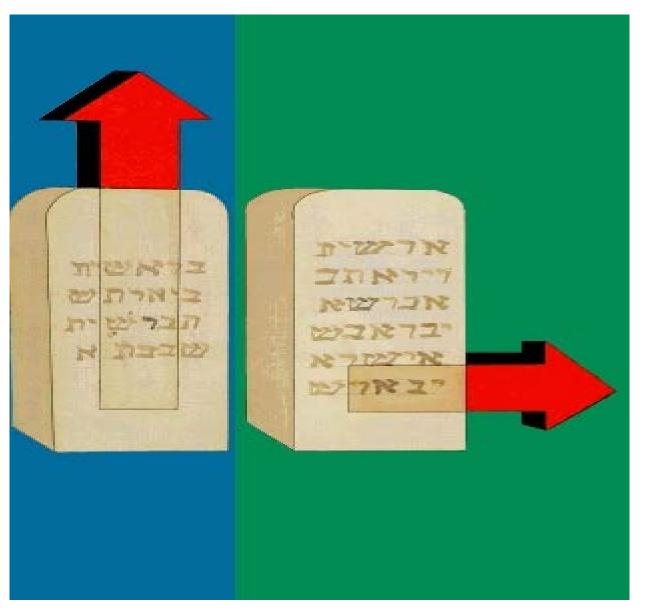
### Joaquin Guzman (1.4 B)

<sup>18</sup> A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to **inherit** (or **gain** <u>c.f. Matt.</u> <u>19:16</u>) eternal life?"

<sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother." <sup>21</sup> "All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said.

Luke 18: 19:17-20

#### **TEN COMMNANDMENTS**



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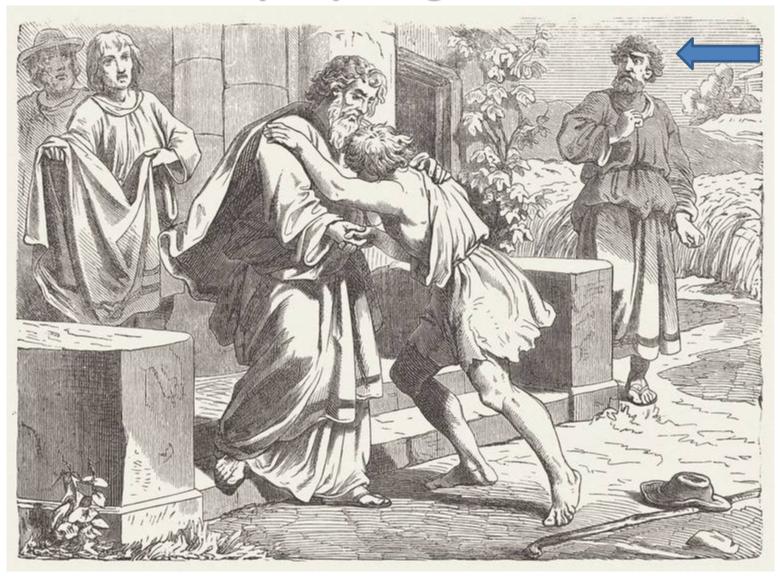
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### Story of prodigal son



""The older brother became angry and refused to go in...All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours... Luke 15:28-31

"One thing you still lack, (Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect") Sell all that you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

Luke 18:22 (Matthew 19:21 added)

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<sup>20</sup> And he said to Him, "Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up."<sup>21</sup> Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."<sup>22</sup> But at these words he was saddened, and he went away grieving, for he was one who owned much property.

Mark 10:20-22

But when the man heard this he became very sad (pertaining to be very sad, deeply distressed), for he was extremely wealthy.

# Luke 18:23



#### Sycamore Tree in the Jordan Valley

### "if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Luke19:8

- •Only if robbery was a deliberate and violent act of destruction was a <u>fourfold</u> restitution necessary (Exodus 22:1)
- •Ordinary robbery and the original goods were not restorable, <u>double</u> the value had to be repaid (Exo. 22:4, 7)
- •But if voluntary confession and voluntary restitution was offered and made, the value of the original goods had to be paid, <u>plus 1/5 (Lev. 6:5;</u> Num. 5:7)

Compare and contrast two rich men		
	<b>Rich Young Man</b>	Zacchaeus
What did he seek?	Possess Eternal life	Jesus
How did Jesus reply?	Obey the commandments	Self-invitation to stay at his house
What did Jesus demand?	Perfection	Nothing
How did he respond?	Went away sad	Voluntarily gave half his possession to the poor
How did Jesus respond?	Impossible but possible with God	Salvation has come!

## Lessons from the story

- No one can deceive God as He sees our hearts clearly and He genuinely desire that all of us come to him and be saved.
- Jesus is the only way to salvation and we just can't earn it through our efforts. Rather, we need to rely on God's grace for us (Gospel) to have a relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- Transformation of our heart occurs when we experience the person of Jesus. It is within our relationship with Jesus Christ the door for the kingdom of God opens for us where we can freely enjoy the benefit of (righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit) of the kingdom.