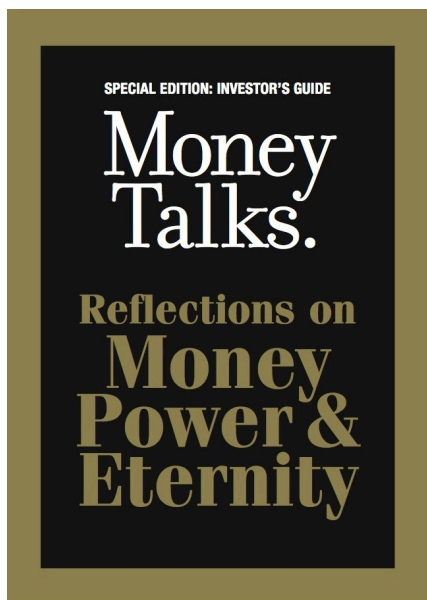


# Discussion Questions - Talk 3

## Can you have it all?



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### Luke 18:15-30

<sup>15</sup> People were also bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>17</sup> I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

<sup>18</sup> A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>19</sup> "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good —except God alone. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.'"

<sup>21</sup> "All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said.

<sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

<sup>23</sup> When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth. <sup>24</sup> Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

<sup>26</sup> Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"

<sup>27</sup> Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

<sup>28</sup> Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

<sup>29</sup> "I tell you the truth," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God <sup>30</sup> will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life."

1. Money promises us both status and security. Does it deliver?
2. What are the badges of status for different people/tribes in our country? What about your tribe?
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment -  
Exodus 20:3 "You shall have no other gods before me."  
  
10<sup>th</sup> Commandment -  
Exodus 20:17 "You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour."  
  
Can you see how the first and tenth commandments might be related? How do they relate to the man in Luke 18?
4. Why could the rich man not walk away from his money? Are you surprised at his decision?
5. Why does Luke put the story of the little children (verses 15-17) immediately before the rich ruler story?
6. See v28-30: How can you know if Jesus' words are true?