

## I. The Rich Young Ruler. Luke 18:22. (or Mk. 10:21)

## A. Notice the things not lacking

1. He was a seeker after eternal life. ✓ 18
2. He respected Jesus-- calling Him "The Master, ✓ 18  
The Good One." He may have believed in the  
Deity of Jesus. ✓ 21
3. He had kept the commandments from his youth up.  
He could be called "the rich moral ruler."
4. He was not lacking in wealth, or social position;  
but this could not save him.

## B. The one thing lacking was willingness to part with his most treasured earthly possession which was keeping him from following Christ.

1. He had rather live with his money and then go to hell, rather than give up his wealth in order to go to heaven. *Yussif the Terrible, drowned money belt.*
2. So today people sell their souls for a cheap price. Mark 8:36.
3. The Wages of Sin is Death, but the Gift of God is Eternal Life. Rom. 6:23
4. Moses was willing to forsake the position of a Prince in Egypt, with all its pleasures and treasures in order to obey the Lord. Heb. 11:24-7
5. The Psalmist had one thing as the aim of his life. Psalms 27:4 (Phil. 3:13)
6. Paul had "one thing" as the aim of his life;  
- The musician Grieg - absorbed in concentration on composition.

## II. Martha, the sister of Mary. Luke 10:38-42

A. Notice the commendable things not lacking about her

1. She received Jesus into her house.
  - (a) She wasn't ashamed of Jesus.
  - (b) She had a desire to do something for the Lord.
2. She was "serving" the Lord - busy preparing the meal and serving it. Her fault wasn't that she was serving the Lord (we all ought to do that), nor that she was doing "much serving" - (none of us can do too much). But her fault was that she was "cumbered" about the service, anxious and troubled about many things. But that was caused from one great fundamental thing neglected in her life.

Ind. 6:27 - meat which perishesth... endureth

being in  
different  
directions  
distracted

Thou art careful and troubled =  
" " anxious " bustling."

B. The one thing lacking was fellowship of  
sitting at Jesus' feet, as Mary did, and  
communion with Him in hearing his word.

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"Christ never asks of us such busy labor  
As leaves no time for resting at His feet;  
The waiting attitude of expectation  
He oftentimes counts a service most complete.

He sometimes wants our ear--our rapt attention,  
That He some sweetest secret may impart;  
'Tis always in the time of deepest silence  
That heart finds deepest fellowship with heart.

And yet He does love service, where 'tis given  
By grateful love that clothes itself in deed;  
But work that's done beneath the scourge of duty,  
Be sure to such He gives but little heed.

Then seek to please Him, whatso'er He bids thee,  
Whether to do--to suffer--to lie still;  
'Twill matter little by what path He leads thee,  
If in it all thou seek'st to do His will."

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Remember for whom their sacrifices are made.  
for whom? - for Him who built the fabric of the  
universe, and over whose wondrous creation  
"the morning stars sang together, and all  
the sons of God shouted for joy."  
for whom? for Him who is the brightness of the  
father's glory, and the express image of  
His person, "in whom" dwells all the  
fullness of the Godhead bodily."  
for whom? for Him "who was rich, yet for  
your sakes became poor."