

**“But he was sad at this
word, and went away
sorrowful”**

Mark 10:22



**What did the young man have
and what did he lack to
respond to his calling?**



□ He had the interest

- “...one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” *Mark 10:17*
- The same interest was seen with Zacheaus.
- This interest in serving God and his people was also manifested in the zeal of Gideon and Nehemiah.



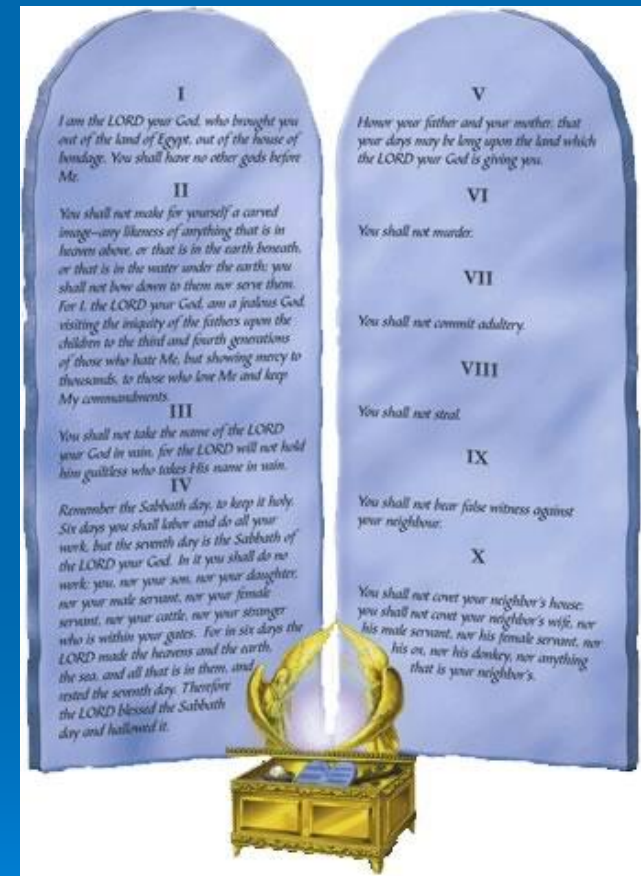
□ He was ready

- “And he answered and said to Him, ‘Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.’”

Mark 10:20

- “...and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit”

John 15:2

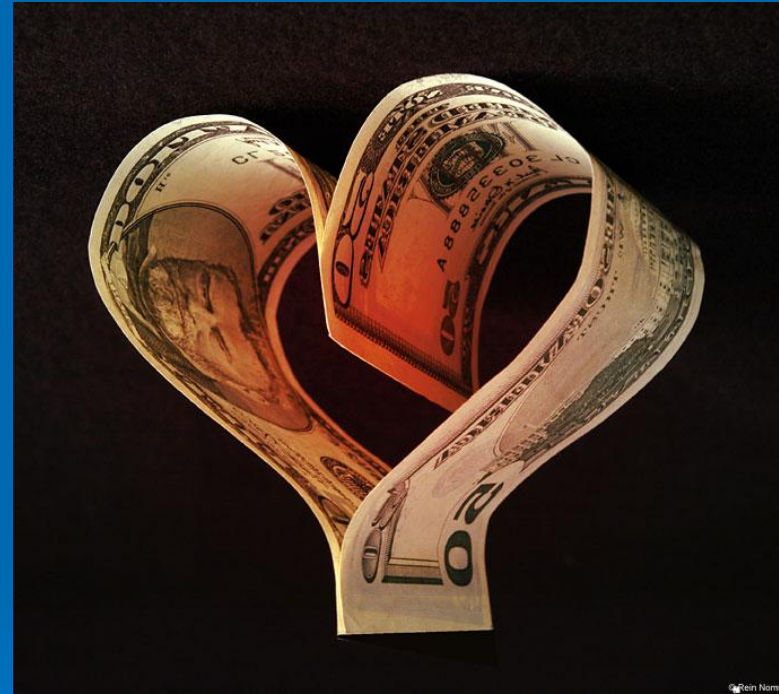


❑ Yet he was hindered by an attachment

- “Then Peter began to say to Him, ‘See, we have left all and followed You.’”

Mark 10:28

- The love of money as a root of all evil



❑ Those righteous men and their detachment from everything ⁽¹⁾

Moses:

- “By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin”

Hebrews 11:24-25



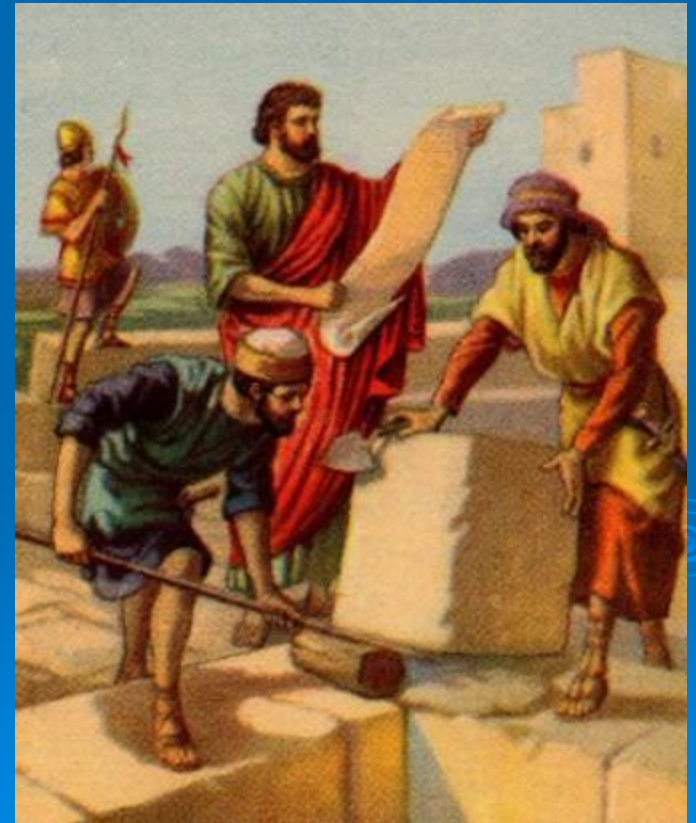
❑ Those righteous men and their detachment from everything ⁽²⁾

- Abraham and his detachment from his family, his possessions and even his love for his son



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➤ Nehemiah who forsook his career as a cupbearer in the king's palace to carry on the duty of restoring the dignity of the city of God



❑ Attachments are not the only things that hinder our response to the call

- Self pity and rejecting the cost
- Seeking own interest
- Relying on earthly wisdom
- Loving the world and its vanity



❑ An unfulfilled call will always leave us sorrowful

➤ “But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions”

Mark 10:22

