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Center Point Baptist Church
“What Do You Love”
Matthew 19:16-24
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- I. Story of the rich young ruler.
 - A. Religious man but he knew something was missing
 - 1. What must I do?
 - 2. Maintained his righteousness
 - 3. Jesus maintained only God was perfect
 - 4. He still did not get the message
 - B. Jesus got right to the heart of the problem he loved riches more than God
 - 1. Go sell all you have and give to the poor
 - 2. Come follow Me – Call to apostleship
 - 3. The man loved his riches more than God
 - 4. He left sorrowfully because he could not give up his riches and comfortable life style
 - 5. God does not force anyone to accept His salvation or life plan
 - C. Jesus’ statement regarding riches
 - 1. The question of the apostles
 - 2. Jesus said but with God all things are possible

- II. Many today want to be saved. They know that something is missing in their life but not all will be saved.
 - A. The problem many have the attitude of the rich young ruler
 - 1. What must I do to have eternal life
 - 2. I’m not a sinner like other people
 - 3. The love of the world and things in it is greater than their love for God
 - B. All must go to Jesus for salvation
 - 1. You must be willing to give up all if you hope to enter the kingdom
 - a. For some this may be riches that they love more than God
 - b. For some this may be the lust for things in the world
 - c. For some it may be the partying life style

- d. Jesus said straight is the way and narrow is the way that leads to Heaven.
- 2. I think the words of Jesus found in Mark's Gospel would fit very well at this point "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul"
 - a. Many are trading their souls for cheap things
 - b. Many are trading their soul for something that will not last
 - c. Your soul is eternal

God will not force anyone to accept His salvation the choice is yours.
Will you leave here today sorrowful again or will you leave here happy in the Lord's salvation?

The choice is yours!