

Choices

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As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”¹⁸ “Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked. “Only God is truly good.”¹⁹ But to answer your question, you know the commandments: “You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.”²⁰ “Teacher,” the man replied, “I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was young.”²¹ Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”²² At this the man’s face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

– Mark 10:17-22 (NLT)

“What Are YOU Holding Back?”

Don’t hold back putting your faith in God!

“For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are... We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.”

– Romans 3:20, 22 (NLT)

Don’t hold back your heart from God!

Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’” – Mark 12:29-30 (NLT)

That kind of love requires COMMITMENT.

That kind of love requires SACRIFICE.

That kind of love requires PRIORITY.

Don’t hold back letting God work in you!

“I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.” – John 15:1-2 (NLT)

Don’t hold back one more minute from God!

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Jesus loves you, but He will let you walk away.