

The Rich Young Ruler

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¹³ And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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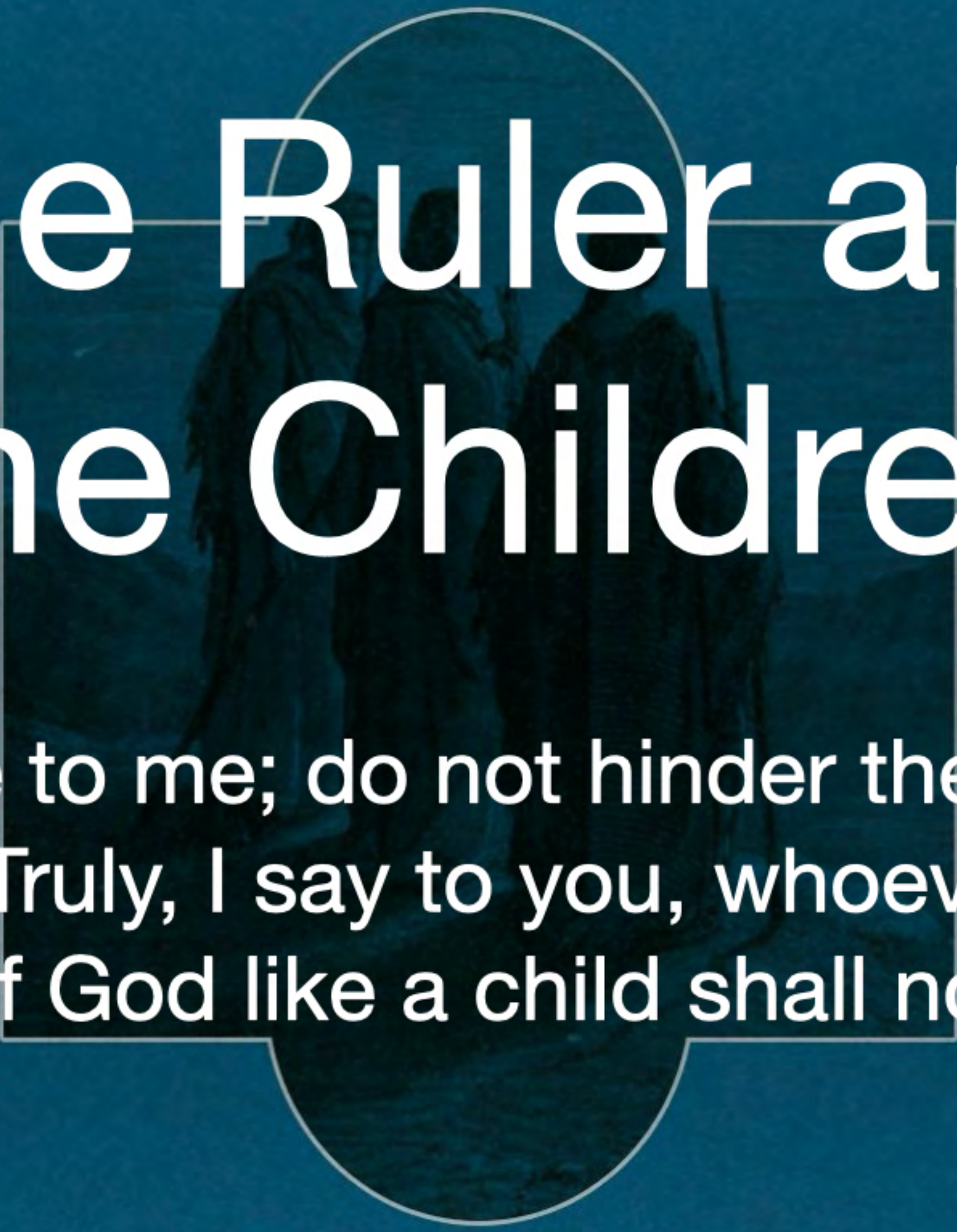
²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. ²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!

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²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel,

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The Ruler and the Children

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The Nature of Children

- They're aware of what they can't do
- They're quick to ask for help
- They know when to rely on someone else
- They're content in their dependance

“The point...is not so much the innocence and humility of children (for children are not invariably either innocent or humble); it is rather the fact that children are unselfconscious, receptive, and content to be dependent on other's care and bounty; it is in such a spirit that the kingdom must be “received” – it is a gift of God and not an achievement on the part of man it must be simply accepted inasmuch as it can never be deserved.”

– Rawlinson

The Question

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Typical Jewish Response

- A detailed version of the Jewish law and why you need to follow it
- Urge you to join their sect or group because they were the right ones

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The Ruler and His Money

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1 Timothy 6:6-10

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.



The Ruler and The Real Ruler

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Philippians 2:5-8

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

He's asking us to do what he did – to die like he did – so that we can find the life that only he can give.

What are you relying on today
that isn't God?

Scottie Scheffler

“To get to live out your dreams is very special, but at the end of the day, I'm not out here to inspire the next generation of golfers. I'm not out here to inspire someone to be the best player in the world because what's the point? This is not a fulfilling life. It's fulfilling from the sense of accomplishment, but it's not fulfilling from a sense of the deepest places of your heart....

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There's a lot of people that make it to what they thought was going to fulfill them in life, and you get there, you get to No. 1 in the world, and they're like what's the point? I love the challenge. I love being able to play this game for a living. It's one of the greatest joys of my life, but does it fill the deepest wants and desires of my heart? Absolutely not.”

Jesus gives up everything – will you?

Next Steps

- I am thankful that Jesus gave up everything.
- I will pray through what I need to give up to follow Jesus more closely.
- I will live my life in a way that says Jesus is more valuable than anything.
- I will seek to trust God more than anything else.