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April 26

There were two men in the Bible who refused to give up something they possessed. One was the young rich ruler in Matthew 19 who was very wealthy and refused to give his goods to the poor at the command of Jesus. He kept his money, but he lost his opportunity to follow Jesus. The other person was the apostle Peter, also in Matthew 19. Peter said that he and the other disciples had forsaken everything to follow Jesus. What is the difference in these two men? Not much actually.

Both of these men refused to lose something they highly valued. The young rich ruler valued his riches above anything else, while Peter valued a relationship with Jesus more than life itself. What one will not give up nor do without will control your life.

*Prayer for Today*

You know my heart, Lord. Please show me how to order the priorities of my life. Help me to make my priorities the same as Yours. I want to be an example of a life in order that others can confidently follow.

*Scriptures for Today*

Matthew 19:21-22 Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. (NKJV)

Matthew 19:27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?” (KJV)