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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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Give it up!

MATTHEW 19:16-22 NKJV - (16) Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" (17) So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." (18) He said to Him, "Which ones? Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' (19) 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' " (20) The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" (21) 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." (22) But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

I have a zeal for not only going to church, but serving whole heartedly - doing things God's way. No, I am not perfect by any means, but I have fervor for a close relationship with Jesus. In the past, I was a disc jockey in a club and I even worked at many private parties. I also did this with zeal, wholeheartedly I. While doing this, conviction began to settle and Jesus reminded me that carnal, worldly behavior could not be accepted. "IF YOU WISH TO BE MY DISCIPLE, FOLLOW ME." or in other words, "Give it up!" Give up what? That's the question most of us would ask. Christ was saying telling me to give up that lifestyle and follow Him wholeheartedly.

Could He be saying the same to you? Will you listen? Do you want a relationship with Him? Or do you choose to be like the rich young ruler? **NOTE:** Jesus did not run behind this man and He did not change His position. Many are holding on to things that cause us to be qualified as an idolater. Whether rich or not, this principal applies to all. **Matthew 19:29-30** lays the foundation of just how serious Jesus is! Surrender all. Give it up and give your all to Christ.

SCRIPTURE READING:

JOHN 5:19

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Once we surrender our mind to God completely, He will take care of us in every way.