



PART 4
THE GOD OF SUCCESS
LUKE 18

Notice the question in verse 18: What must *I do* to inherit eternal life?

Notice Jesus' response in verses 19-20.

Jesus cuts to the heart of this rich young ruler's problem in verse 22—it is the god whom he really serves.

Here are the lies that the god of money has told us:

1. Money will satisfy you.

If we only had enough of it, we think happiness will come.

2. Money means that you matter.

We think that money can make us significant. We often judge our worth by how much we are monetarily worth. Instead of looking to God as our source of identity, we look to money.

3. Money will make you secure.

The truth is that whatever you put your security in ends up being your god. It reveals where you've put your hope. With enough money God doesn't seem all that necessary. We wrongfully assume that we can have enough or save enough to take care of ourselves.

4. Money will save you.

The real problem with idolatry is that we look to something other than Jesus for salvation.