

STUDIES FROM THE DESIRE OF AGES

Chapter LVII “*One Thing Thou Lackest*”

A. Why was the rich young ruler drawn to Christ? Why was Christ drawn to him? What was the key element in the rich young ruler’s decision? See [Joshua 24:15](#). Describe a point in your life when you faced a similar decision.

B. How can our natural love of self be surrendered, in practical ways?

C. In what way is the ruler’s life an object lesson for all Christians?

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1. Why do you think the ruler called Jesus, “Good?”
2. The man claimed to have kept the laws, had he?
3. How much potential did this man have? Could he have been a blessing to the work Jesus was to do?
4. What did the man really need? How could he and we get it?
5. Was there a hidden call in the words of Jesus, telling him to sell and give to the poor?
6. Worldly wealth and earthly wealth, how do they compare?
7. How does obedience compare with mercy?
8. Should there be any wealthy Christians?
9. Personal views: List a favorite section or some new thought from this reading