

MAKING A DEAL WITH GOD

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FOCAL PASSAGE: MARK 10: 17-22 (CSB)

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He said to Him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these from my youth." Then looking at him, Jesus loved him and said to him, "You lack one thing: Go, sell all you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me." But he was stunned at this demand, and he went away grieving, because he had many possessions.

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"...what must I do to inherit eternal life?" v. 17

2. CONFESS ______ WITH GOD.

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4. ACCEPT

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