

The Reception

Luke 19:1-10



Society



Society – Dangers

- Slave to their opinions



Society – Dangers

- Slave to their opinions
- Self-righteous toward others

Society – Dangers

“Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

Society – Dangers

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men –

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extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'

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And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

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I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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Self



Self – Dangers

“...whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

Self – Dangers

- Doesn't Satisfy



Self – Dangers

So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.

Self – Dangers

You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ ”

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You And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.” So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “You still lack one thing.

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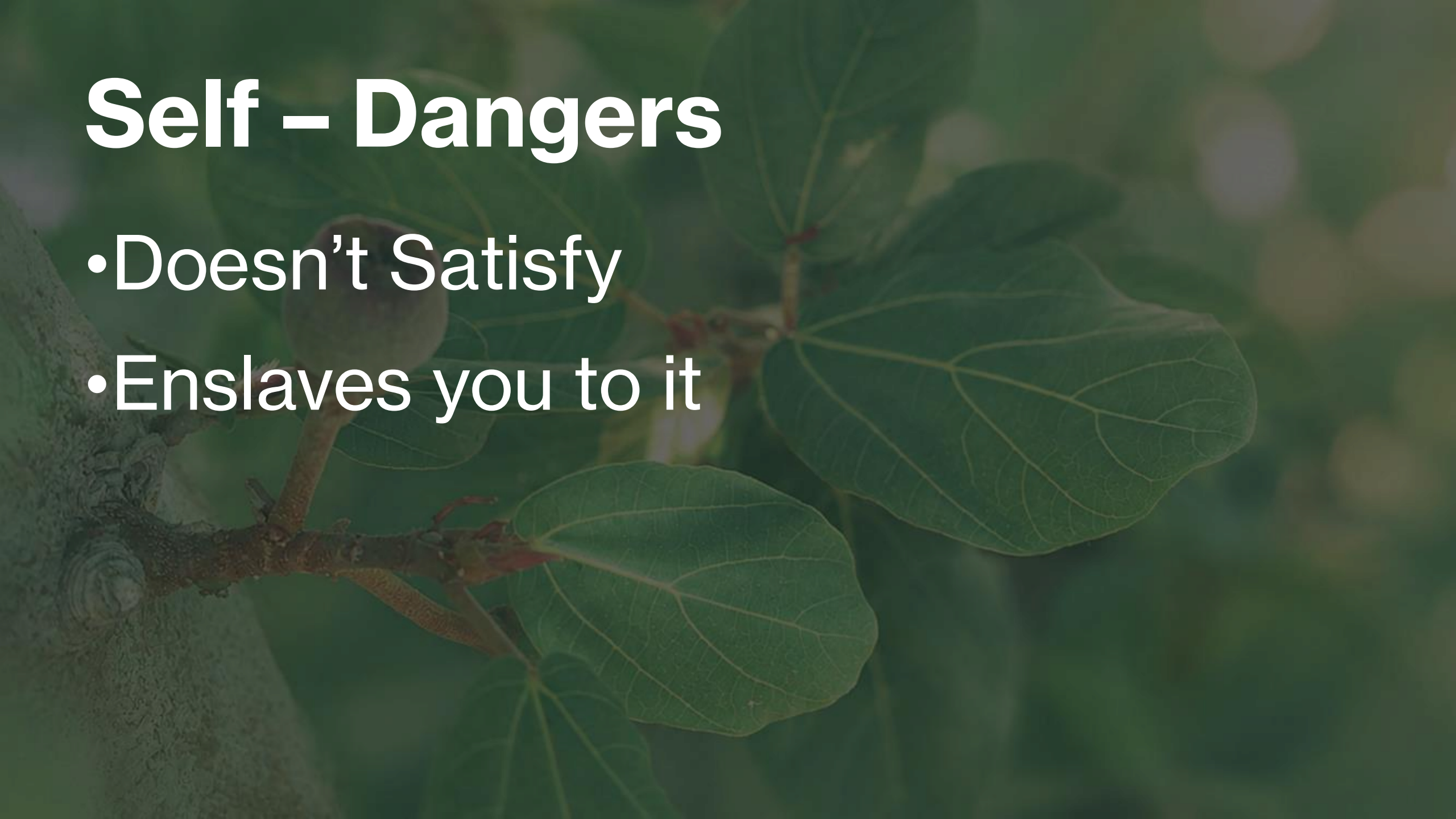
Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.

Self – Dangers

And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!”

Self – Dangers

- Doesn't Satisfy
- Enslaves you to it



Jesus



Jesus – Benefits

- Identity that cannot be changed



Jesus – Benefits

- Identity that cannot be changed
- Identity that fulfills our deepest desires

Jesus – Benefits

- Identity that cannot be changed
- Identity that fulfills our deepest desires
- Frees us to love God and people