



Doug's Reflection

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As a nation, we squander our resources, and as individuals, we squander our blessings. Recalling the story of the rich young ruler in Mark, chapter 10, the upshot here seems to be that “rich folks need not apply.” But I don’t think Jesus is talking about physical riches. I think Jesus is speaking to our spirituality. Remember He told us: “Blessed are the poor in spirit.” That message can be difficult to digest. We’re accustomed to being rewarded based on performance. But we simply can’t do that with God. We don’t impress the boys at NASA with a paper airplane. We don’t brag about our finger painting to Picasso. We don’t claim equality with Einstein because we can write “H2O”. And we cannot boast about our goodness in the presence of the perfect. You see, we don’t need a system, we need a Savior. We don’t need a resume, we need a redeemer.