

The Vertical Man.

The rich young ruler that Jesus encountered in Mathew 19:16-26, was weighted by his stuff. They were more important to him than his soul. The things of the flesh kept him from reaching for the things of the Spirit: **He was a Horizontal man.**

Saul was on a spiritual tirade in Acts 9:1-20. Jesus met him on his evil journey against the church and like the young ruler, he too asked the Lord what he must do... to do good. Saul and the rich young ruler both had much to lose by worldly standards but unlike the young ruler, Saul the religious zealot accepted the call of Christ: **He was a Vertical man.**

The Ten Commandments can be separated into 2 parts. The first 4 deal with our relationship with God (Vertical) and the last 6 deal with our relationships with others (Horizontal). Both are important to having a full life as a follower of Jesus.

As Christians we are called to live in a Horizontal world as we seek to lead others towards the Vertical call of Christ.

In Philippians 3:13-14 Paul (Saul) writes that he was living a Horizontal life by reaching forward to those things which are ahead while he pressed towards his Vertical calling.

Christian, live a healthy Horizontal life that is balanced with a Spirit-led Vertical life.



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