

“Come, follow Me!”

·:THE RICH YOUNG MAN:·



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“Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” Mark 10:14

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Can we be perfect?

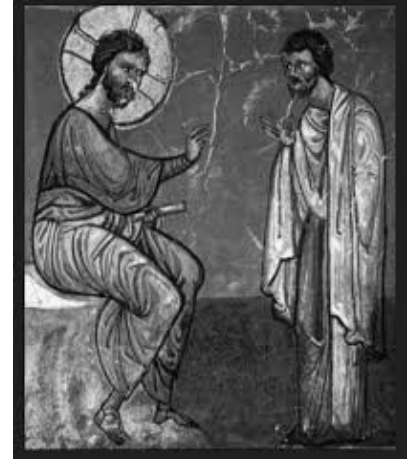
Do you know what a perfectionist

is? A perfectionist is somebody who tries to be perfect. He has to have everything to be just right. Today, in the Gospel reading, we hear about somebody who wanted to be perfect, but he had trouble being perfect. Don't we all have trouble with that?

A man came up to Jesus and asked Him, “What good thing must I do to have eternal life?” Really, he wanted to know how he could be with God in heaven forever. This man knew he had to do good things. He followed the rules of the Ten Commandments. He tried to do what the Bible said to do.

“I have done all those!” the man told Jesus. So Christ told him, “If you want to be perfect, go and sell all that you have and give to the poor.” This made the man sad because he had lots of things. How would he reach his goal now?

God knows we can't be perfect. Only God is perfect! But at least we know *how* to be perfect. How? By putting God first. When we put God first, we put money and toys and food and games and everything else after Him! We can *try* to be perfect. God sees how we try, and He helps us to try even harder.



WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Commandments
- Gospel
- Hebrew
- Moses
- Perfect
- Prophet
- Rich
- Saints
- Sinai
- Teacher

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WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Here is another icon of Moses.

He is taking off his sandals, because he is standing in a holy place.



SAINT MOSES

A HOLY PROPHET OF GOD

One of the first Bible stories your parents told you was probably about Moses the Prophet. Do you remember hearing about the little baby whose mother put him in a basket in the river? The Pharaoh's daughter found him? That was Moses!

Do you remember the story of a man who climbed up a big mountain, where God gave him two tablets—the Ten Commandments? That was Moses!

Moses is a very important saint in our Church. He lived many, many years before Jesus Christ lived on earth. God chose Moses to do things for Him. God chose Moses to help the Jewish people trust God—and not the idols. God chose Moses to help the Jewish people find freedom in a new place. God chose Moses to help the people know more about Him.

God has a special plan for each one of us. Some people have big huge tasks, like the Prophet Moses. Some of us have little ones. But the important thing is that we all try to listen to what God wants from us—and to do it!

We can find something to learn from the saints, whether they lived hundreds and hundreds of years ago, or whether they lived during our own lifetime.

We celebrate Moses the Prophet today, Sept. 4th (OC: September 17th).

