1 - **“What Am I Still Lacking?”**Matthew 19:16-26

2 - **Good/Great Questions…**

* **What shall we do? (Acts 2:37)**
* **What must I do to be saved? (Acts 16:30)**
* **What good thing shall I do to inherit eternal life?**
* **What am I still lacking?** This question especially requires **self-examination**. (2 Corinthians 13:5; James 1:23-25)

3 - **The Focus On Eternal Life**

* **As opposed to our temporal life.** (John 6:27)
* **Focus on the unseen.** (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)
* **Viewing life here as a sojourner.** (Hebrews 11:13)
* **Must be “THE” priority!** (Matthew 6:33; Haggai 1:3-9)
* **Detachment from our possessions**. (Luke 12:15ff)
* **Use blessings for God’s glory.** (1 Tim. 6:17ff; Matt. 25)

4 - **The Will & Commitment**

* **“If you wish (it is your will) to be complete…”**
* **Not “passive acquiescence”** but **“to determine** (as an **active option**)…” (Strong) (Matthew 16:24;   
  John 7:17; Philippians 2:13; Revelation 22:17)
* **Not an easy road!** (Luke 9:57-62)

5 - **Commitment to Follow Daily**

* **“Putting our hand to the plow…”** (Luke 9:57-62)
* **Day by day…** (Luke 9:23-26; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18)
* **Consistent obedience.** (Philippians 2:12-15)
* **Spiritual hunger & appetite**. (Matthew 5:6; 1 Peter 2:1-2)

6 - **Growth and Development**

* **Am I “complete”?** (Colossians 1:28; Ephesians 4:13)
* **Building on my faith.** (2 Peter 1:5-11; 3:17-18)
* **By reason of time**… (Hebrews 5:12-14)
* **By reason of diligence**… (2 Timothy 2:15)
* **“Excel still more…”** (1 Thessalonians 4:1)

7 - **Endurance Through Suffering**

* **James 1:2-4; “Consider it all joy… various trials… testing of our faith… endurance… perfect result… perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”**
* **“Perfect” -** “Brought to its’ end; finished; lacking nothing necessary to completeness.”
* **“Complete” -** “complete in every part”
* **“Lacking”** - “to be absent or fail”

8 - **Complete Obedience**

* **Hearing/teaching -** (Romans 10:17)
* **Faith -** (John 8:24)
* **Confession -** (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
* **Repentance -** (Acts 17:30; Luke 13:3, 5)
* **Baptism -** (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16)