

## 164     *A Rich Young Man (Simple Living)*

1. A rich young man came to ask of Christ:  
“Good teacher, will you tell me,  
what must I do for eternal life?  
I’ve kept your laws completely.”  
“Sell all you have, give to the poor,  
then heaven’s treasure shall be yours.”  
How hard for those who are rich on earth  
to gain the wealth of heaven.
2. Now Jesus sat by the off’ring gate  
as people brought their money.  
The rich they filled the collection plate;  
the widow gave a penny.  
“Now she’s outgiven all the rest –  
her gift was all that she possessed.”  
Not what you give but what you keep  
is what the King is counting.
3. O teach me Lord to walk this road,  
the road of simple living.  
To be content with what I own  
and generous in giving.  
And when I cling to what I have  
please wrest it quickly from my grasp;  
I’d rather lose all the things of earth  
to gain the things of heaven.

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