

Growing Up in the New Year
Matthew 19:16-26

Is This a Material or a Spiritual Universe?

Human Wholeness: (1 Thess 5:23-24)

- Human Spirit: indwelt by the Spirit of God
 - Human Soul: tuned to the Spirit of God
 - Human Body: presented to the Spirit of God
- = It takes a Divine Person to make a human person whole

Directives for Wholeness/Growing Up

"Go": Completion Is Experienced in Responsivity, Not Passivity

- We cannot drift into wholeness, become mature by accident
- We move from the natural to the spiritual by faith
...we must respond with human consent

"Sell All You Possess": Completion Is Experienced in Stewardship,
not Ownership

- Human wholeness cannot be derived from the created
...we must disentangle from the unprofitable - Lk 12:15
...we must become wise managers for the kingdom's sake

"Give to the Poor": Completion is Known by Giving, not Getting - Acts 20:35

- Human wholeness is found in expenditure, not acquisition
...living expression of His Life - II Cor 12:15

"Follow Me": Completion is Found in the Uncreated God, not the Created Goods - Hab 3:17-19

- Human wholeness calls for an unconditional surrender to God
...no other "gods" before Him!