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B. The rich young ruler was such a person -Matthew 19:22-24

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1. A rebirth has to take place on the inside.
2. It is a spiritual rebirth because the spirit of man is broken.

B. Finding the problem requires the use of light.

John 3:19 "And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil. 20 "For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 "But he who practices the truth comes to the light,

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1. God shines his word into our life (our heart) and reveals the problem. -**Matthew 15:19-20**

[And so, both are the same in the fixing.]

III. Both require cleaning and replacing.

A. Cleansing – is to be born of water.

John 15:3 -"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you."

1. There is a cleansing effect that takes place in our heart and mind when we hear and believe God's teachings.
2. There is complete cleansing made by the Holy Spirit - **Titus 3:5**

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