

## BREAKING THE SPIRIT OF MAMMON

**Luke 16:9-13 NKJV** - 9 *“And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. 10 He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. 11 Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful in what is another man’s, who will give you what is your own? 13 **“No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”**”*

- 3 questions about mammon.

### 1. WHAT IS MAMMON?

**Mammon is an Aramaic word, which means riches.** Also translated - *“the treasure a person trusts in”* Jesus was probably referring to a false god that the Syrians knew...a false Syrian god of riches.

**Mammon is a prideful, arrogant spirit that says you don’t need God**

It’s the spirit that rests on money not submitted to God!

- That’s why the scripture called it “unrighteous mammon”
- God blesses money that has been **submitted** to Him and doesn’t try to **replace** Him!
- Jesus said, you will be Loyal to one and despise the other
- Mammon is rooted in greed and selfishness - all about what can money do for you.

***The “give to get” prosperity message causes people to be loyal to Mammon.***

**Mammon is looking for servants!** - The spirit of Mammon promises us everything that only God can give! - security, identification, significance, joy, love, peace and freedom

The spirit of mammon is actually the spirit of AntiChrist - It rules through the threat of the control of money, Not being able to buy or sell!

**Mammon is a spirit that talks to us.** - Mammon says, *“If you had more money, people would listen to you! You’d be happier! Your marriage would be better!” If you had more money, you could do what you want, go where you want, and live where you want!*

### 10 SYMPTOMS OF MAMMON’S INFLUENCE

1. Worry and Anxiety over money
2. Money Mismanagement
3. Consistent Financial Lack
4. “I can’t afford it” Mentality.
5. Impulse Buying
6. Stinginess
7. Greed
8. Discontentment
9. Bondage of Debt
10. Exaggerated Emphasis on Money

**The Lie:** “If you had more money, you could help people! Money is the answer to all of your problems!”

**Jesus never told anyone that the answer to his problems was more money! He is the answer to our problems.**

Mammon positions itself against God - Have you ever said this?

**I either need God to come through OR I need more money**

*If we think that most of our problems could be solved if we had more money, then the spirit of mammon has influenced us*

***The more you serve mammon, the more you let money drive your decisions.  
The more you serve God, the more you let God drive your decisions.***

## **2. IS MONEY EVIL?**

**Money is amoral. Neither good nor bad. Money, itself, is not evil!**

Bible doesn't say money is the root of all evil!

**1 Timothy 6:10 NKJV** - *10 For **the love of money** is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

**Loving and serving mammon is the root of all kinds evil!**

Money can be used for unrighteous purposes or righteous purposes!

Money can be used for temporal purposes or eternal purposes!

**Luke 16:9 NKJV** - *“And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home.”*

He's saying take this unrighteous mammon and redeem it...by tithing and honoring God with it...God's spirit can rest upon it...and use it for what is eternal. The friends are people...souls! Reach people for Jesus, making friends for heaven.

**God is the only one who can turn money into souls!**

## **3. WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH MONEY?**

**Be a good steward with whatever you have!**

- I have too little of money for this to effect me...you never will if that's your thinking.

**Luke 16:10** - *“**He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.**”*

We all have some that we are supposed to be faithful with.

- If we can't manage well what we have...we will never be given more.

- Because it's a position of our heart not a position of our bank account.

**Luke 16:12** - *“And if you have not been faithful in **what is another man's**, who will give you what is your own?”*

Could one application of “**what is another man’s**” be referring to the tithe?

***The quickest way to break the spirit of mammon off of your money is to bring God the first in the tithe. Because it transfers your trust from money to God.***

**Luke 16:11** - *“Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the **true riches?**”*

Remember heaven and earth will pass away. - *Everything we invest our money into on this earth will burn up. People last forever. Everyone you meet will live forever...somewhere.*

**Heaven is being populated by our offerings.**

Only God has the power to take what is unrighteous...and redeem it as we give him the tithe... and as we give more to people he turns it into true riches.