Katalyst Church



A Revolution of Love



enemy's of the "Heart





Addictions





For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. 2 Timothy 4:3-5



A man ran up to Jesus and knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments, 'DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, Do not defraud, HONOUR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER." And he said to Jesus, "Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth until now." Looking at him, Jesus felt a deep love for him and said, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But at these words the man was saddened, and he went away grieving, for he was one who owned much property.

Mark 10:17-27

Who teaches us about Wealth, Money, Stewardship? The World or Scripture?

Wellbeing, Marriage, Family, Health, Time

The Spirit of Mamnon



No one can serve two masters, either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

You cannot serve both God and Mammon Mathew 6:24



Mammon: material wealth manifesting in avarice, extreme greed!

- Personified as a deity (One of the Seven Princes of Hell)
- The Chaldean god of riches
- Translated only 4 times in N.T.

Money ἀργύριον - argurion (*ar-goo'-ree-on*) <u>cash;</u> specifically a <u>silverling</u> (that is, <u>drachma</u> or <u>shekel</u>): - money, (piece of) silver

Money is an incomplete portrait of the potential for evil influence accompanying worldly wealth.

Mammon μαμμωνᾶς mammōnas (mam-mo-nas') of Chaldee origin (confidence, that is, figuratively wealth, personified); mammonas, that is, avarice: covetousness, cupidity, rapacity - mammon

Translating this term as "Money' makes it sound like God and money can't co-exist - They can!

Money is neutral - It can be used for either evil or good

Understanding that mammon is a demonic spirit controlling the worlds philosophy on finances is a more accurate interpretation and it makes sense that mammon and Jesus can not co-exist

I tell you, use Mammon (unrighteous money) to gain friends for yourselves, so that when you die, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Mammon. The Pharisees, who loved Mammon, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the

eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. Luke 16:9-15

Mammon is a very strong spirit that tries to rest on or control peoples perceptions, attitudes, attachment to Money.

Jesus is warning we (christians) are not immune to its influence!

All money has a spirit on it:

Spirit of the world

- 1. Ruled by self driven by gain
- 2. Used for purposes apart from God
- 3. Replaces our reliance upon God Worldly philosophy

Spirit of God

- 1. Ruled by and Submitted to God (stewards)
- 2. Used for the purposes of God
- 3. Doesn't try to replace God

Mammon - Promise you everything; only God can give you!

- 1. Significance 2. Identity 3. Security 4. Joy
- Mammon is a spirit that talks!
- Mammon wants to keep us under the system of the World Anti Christ rules by threat of not being able to buy and sell
- We don't need more money We need more God



For the love (pursuit of the heart) of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many grief's. 1 Timothy 6:10

Money itself is not the problem it is the debasing influence, the desiring and pursuing of money, wealth, materialism which can be gained over us!

Mammon is looking for Servants

How do we ensure we get the Spirit of God on our finances?



The Bible teaches that we give the first 10% to God and He redeems the rest!

Bring the whole tithe into the house, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, "says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. And I will rebuke the devourer (Satan) for you, so that he will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. Malachi 3:10

"I don't tithe because I don't have enough!"

You will never be able to afford to tithe until you tithe!

"I don't tithe because tithing is O.T. under the Law!"

So was stealing, so was adultery, so was murder! - Still wrong!

If we fight bringing the tithe into the house of God we demonstrate by our resistance that the Spirit of mammon has already infiltrated our hearts and logic!

Malachi 3:10 promises us that through our obedience there will be both blessing and protection

Lack faith in God to provide - Faithless
Calling God a liar and turning our backs on Him

Failing Gods test of regular reliance upon Him The common denominator for all our lives!



Missing the principle of experiencing Gods benefits

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The 10% that we tithe "Costs us" it is definitely a sacrifice, but it demonstrates that we KNOW in our hearts that:

- 1. God is greater than any lack perceived or real.
- 2. The 90% we retain will now carry God's blessing
- 3. The 90% we retain is protected by God

It is worldly thinking to deny God what He has asked us to give Him, which is His anyway and we only deny ourselves guaranteed blessings!

This isn't really about money because the streets of heaven are lined with Gold – God doesn't need our money, it is simply what is common to all men, so the enemy and the Lord use finances to test, try, secure our allegiance. Where your heart is.....???????

It is about us faithfully demonstrating with the rewards we get for our labour through the principle of Tithing that our hearts truly serve God not ourselves and not the Spirit of mammon

The "prosperity doctrine" is the infiltration of Mammon in Church

- Give and nothing will go wrong, best job, car, abundant finances.
- It is a perversion of Biblical truth to an extreme viewpoint Car breaks down you get angry (despise God)

The "poverty doctrine" is also the infiltration of Mammon

- Can't have anything nice Materialistic, unspiritual.
- It is a perversion of Biblical truth to another extreme viewpoint

The "provision doctrine" is actually Gods Biblical truth.

He will provide for you/family so that you can be a blessing

Mammon wants us to be under the curse of financial bondage God wants us to be to be submitted to His name "Jehovah Jireh"

Jesus is warning us that a deceptive spirit lurks behind the pursuit or accumulation of wealth/money which will influence our heart attitude towards material gain and pervert our thinking and behaviour away from Godly stewardship of finances.

"Jesus warned us: Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Matthew 6:19-21

We have to examine our handling and attachment to material things knowing full well that a spiritual entrapment is set to ensnare us and get a grip on our hearts to bring us under a curse of worldly thinking

What do we do with money?

Be a good steward whether you have a little or a lot

Give God the first 10% of what is entrusted to you From CEO to check out Chick

You will never get more if your not faithful in the little

Bring the tithe - Not give the tithe!

- You can't give what doesn't belong to you
- Simply returning a portion of what is rightfully Gods
- You either bring it or short change or steal it!
- The bringing is an act of faith that releases us from Mammon and shows that we serve God

What sense is there is robbing God?

I tell you, use Mammon unrighteous money to gain friends for yourselves, so that when you die, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

Plunder the worlds wealth for the work of the Kingdom!

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. Being faithful in the little is the only way to prove we are trustworthy of receiving more!

And if you have not been trustworthy with unrighteous money, who will give you property of your own?

Someone else's property is what God's given us NOW! How are we going at being a steward?

So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

Our use of finances in principle stands for our trustworthiness with true riches! (PEOPLE)



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Mammon is looking for Slaves God is looking for Stewards