

MONEY TALKS PART 2 ~ THE SPIRIT OF MAMMON
SERMON NOTES WITH ANSWERS
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Mammon Defined

- Matthew 6:24 NKJV [24] "No one 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.**
- Although commonly translated as money or wealth, the word mammon (Greek, mammonas) is something different from riches, money or wealth. It means to personify wealth by placing our trust in it, to deify it as a god. It means to worship it.
- The Spirit of Mammon is NOT evidenced by having money/wealth/riches. The Spirit of Mammon is evidenced when our value for money/wealth/riches is **Above God**

A False Lord

- Mammon promises to provide what only God can provide:
 - **security**
 - **identity**
 - **significance**
 - **acceptance**
 - **happiness**
 - **joy**
 - **power**
- Buying into the lies of Mammon ultimately leads us into **bondage**.
- I Timothy 6:10 "For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

The issue is where we place our **value** ; our **hope** and our **trust**.

- I Timothy 6:10, Proverbs 28:20,22, Mark 10:17-22

Symptoms of The Spirit of Mammon Include But are not limited to:

- Attempting to live above the level you can actually afford
- Willing to use illegal means to get ahead or “get over”
- Using credit because you just cannot wait to pay cash for somethings that you really could pay cash for if you just exercised a little patience
- Overspending - constant stream of overdrafts in you bank account
- Feeling envy of other peoples success
- Not giving financially to God’s works (not tithing/giving)
- Unwilling to downsize because you still want to appear at a certain place/level - PRIDE
- Marital strife over money is sometimes influenced by the sprit of mammon
- Always having the newer, bigger, faster, prettier whatever...but no money in the bank

We must allow the Lord to **restore** our souls.

- Psalm 23:1-5

Jesus Offers Us Something Better

- Luke 12:16-21 -
- Luke 12:22-32 -

Breaking the Back of Mammon

- Luke 16:1-13