

GIVING MONEY ITS PROPER PLACE

Serve God, Have Money

I. **LIE: You can't serve God and have money. It didn't say you can't serve God and have money. It said you can't serve God and money-Matt 6:24**

A. Who has the place of your head?

1. Serve-To obey, submit to, give one's self to, devotion with disregard of your own interests; (RR) This word describes a servant or slave who had become such for the rest of his life. This servant's lifetime was service to his master with all his attention, time, and energy. He caters to the master's every wish, desire, and demand. He's there to help, assist, and fulfill his master's wants and dreams **at the exclusion** of all else.
2. Master-He to whom a person or thing belongs; one who has control of
3. You can't have two heads; if you make decisions based on money instead of what the Spirit of God is leading you to do, then money is your head
 - a. Dan 2:32-35, Colossians 1:18-The head of the gold he made representing gold is the head in that system; Jesus is the head in our system
 - 1) You're going to go where your head tells you to go
 - a) Money is your head you'll go where it tells to go
 - 2) You can't have two heads
 - b. If you've ever made a decision in life based on money instead of the leading of the spirit you just made it your master
 - c. If you've given money **THE PLACE** of the Head in your life then it's out of place because that's Jesus' place
4. There's an enormous amount of self-deception in this area; where believers are in pride over how developed they believe they are in this area
 - a. EX: Many of them picked their job because it paid the most
 - b. EX: When it's offering time many of them ask what can we give
 - c. EX: When it's time to go buy something they allow the money they have to determine what they get
 - d. EX: They don't tithe because money tells them they can't
5. When it's time to make a decision we never ask money what should we do. We ask God what should we do and if it looks like we don't have the money to do what He's telling us to do, then we believe Him for it.
 - a. Money is never a good reason to do or not do something

- B. You can't serve two masters because you'll prefer one to the other. One will tell you to go a way that the other is telling to not to go and you'll chose.
1. **Love**-Preference, prize it above other things, unwilling to abandon it or do without it, steadfastly cleave to, set your heart on, attached or committed to it
 - a. **Hold**-Cleave, holdfast, paying heed to
 - b. Because you prefer it and prize it above other things you are unwilling to abandon it, your attached and committed to it
 2. **Hate**-To love less, to esteem less, to slight, disregard, indifference, of relative preference for one thing over another
 - a. **Despise**-Think little or nothing of, to think down upon, to think slightly
 3. We got to find out who your head is
 4. Balance: In comparison to God money means very little to me. I'm not attached to money; I'm attached to God. If was going to cost me everything I had to stay with him, I wouldn't even have to think about it. At the same time I understand the importance of money in doing what He's called me to do and I'm believing for and abundance of it, but never value it above Him.
 - a. Malachi 1:6-13,12AMP-They valued their stuff more than they valued God
 - b. Malachi 3:10-14-If you'll get things **in place** I'll bless you abundantly
- C. Matthew 6:24-33
1. 24-It didn't say he shouldn't serve two masters it said he couldn't; That tells me I'm going to have to make a choice for who I'm going to serve
 - a. You're going to have to make a decision of quality concerning this that you'll never make one decision based on money
 - b. You don't have to chose to have God or money; you have to chose who you're going to give the place of your head
 2. 25-Therefore-Because you can't serve two masters
 - a. Take no thought-He's not telling you not to think about it or plan for it; he's telling you stop worrying and being anxious about it
 - b. When you're worrying about money and things how can Jesus be your head when he told you to not let your heart be troubled
 - 1) When you're worrying He's not your master
 - 2) When you worry about lack of money or stuff, it's your master because it's telling you to worry
 3. 31-Therefore stop worrying and be anxious-What for?
 - a. 1) Because God takes care of the birds and you're better than them
 - b. 2) Because worrying won't add one good thing to you

- c. 3) Because the lilies of the field grow without toil and Solomon was not arrayed like these and if God clothed them He'll much more clothe you
- 4. 33-If you'll get things in the proper place all that you'll ever need, want, or desire will be added to you in abundance
 - a. It said in your seeking see to it that He is first---**PROPER PLACE**
 - 1) It didn't say don't **seek** things; It didn't say don't **have** things, it didn't say don't **believe for or desire** things-Mk 11:24
 - b. When I sought Him and His way He said Mark 11:24, John 15:7, Matthew 7:11, Romans 8:32, 1 Timothy 6:17
 - 1) 33-God's not saying don't have things because He said if you seek Him and the things will be added unto you
 - c. 25,33-Because you can't serve two masters serve this one and you'll have all the things you need and because they're your needs I'll meet them according to my riches-Philippians 4:19

II. Money never gets my glory

- A. If you've placed money with your glory, then its out of place
- B. Jeremiah 9:23-24-It didn't say don't have riches; it said don't glory in them
 - 1. I glory in God, knowing Him, and the loving kindness that He's showed to me in causing this thing to manifest in my life
 - 2. The praise is not in the thing, but in the fact that God loves you enough to manifest the thing