

gods At War
Part 4—gods of Success
Luke 18:18-22

- On the surface this story seems to be about _____
but it's really about _____

Luke 18:18—¹⁸A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” (NIV)

- Even the way he asks the question here reveals a false god—he asked what must “_____” to inherit eternal life?
 - The Greek word for inherit could also be translated “_____” or “_____”

Luke 18:19-20—¹⁹“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’” (NIV)

- Jesus gives the man the answer he expected—He tells the man to keep the _____
 - If you want to know how to successfully _____ eternal life, that's it: keep the commandments

Luke 18:21—²¹All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said. (NIV)

- Ironically he was putting his hope in his religion—his _____ had become another of his gods

Luke 18:22—²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the

poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” (NIV)

- Jesus puts Himself in direct competition with what this man loves the most, and says: “You _____ . . .”

Matthew 6:24—²⁴No 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 money.” (NIV)

Lies the god of Money Gives Us

1. Money Will _____ You.

Ecclesiastes 5:10—¹⁰He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance with its income. This too is vanity. (NASB1995)

2. Money Means That You Have _____.

Ephesians 2:10a—¹⁰For we are God’s masterpiece . . . (NLT)

Psalms 139:14—¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (NIV)

John 3:16—¹⁶This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. (MSG)

3. Money Will Make You _____.

Ecclesiastes 10:19b—¹⁹. . . money is the answer to everything. (NASB1995)

- The truth is that whatever you put your security in ends up being _____

4. Money Will _____ You.

- We look to something _____ for salvation

Isaiah 52:3—³For thus says the Lord, “You were sold for nothing and you will be redeemed without money.” (NASB1995)

1 Timothy 6:10—¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. (NASB1995)

Hebrews 13:5—⁵Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, “I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,” (NASB1995)

Luke 18:23—²³When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. (NIV)

- Jesus says, “You’ve got to _____”

Action Step . . .

- Choose Jesus as Your Satisfaction, Significance, Security, and Savior