

Life Money Hope
The Principle of First
October 21, 2018

Luke 16:9-13 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 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. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? 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.”

- ✓ What is mammon?
- ✓ Is money evil?

1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

- ✓ Focus on true riches.

Genesis 4:2-5 “Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor.”

1. God must be first.

Exodus 20:1-3 And God spoke all these words: “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.”

Deuteronomy 6:14-15 “Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God.”

2. We put God first by returning the first.

Leviticus 27:30 “A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, **belongs** to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.”

Deuteronomy 14:23 (LB) “The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God in first place in your life.”

Malachi 3:6-12 “I the LORD do not change... Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. **Return to me**, and I will return to you,” says the LORD Almighty. “But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’ “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, 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. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the LORD Almighty. “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the LORD Almighty.

1 Corinthians 16:2 On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

3. The first has the power to bless the rest.

Proverbs 3:6-10 “In all your ways acknowledge him...Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.”

Walk Away: The order is important.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- At the Movies series – begins November 3rd – December 2nd. Invite a friend!
- Saturday Service begins November 3rd at 5pm.