

# Leverage

**Blessed:** to experience God's  
favor.

To be blessed is to be able to recognize that God is working in your life. Are you interested?

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Romans 8:28

**“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”**

God's blessing is God Himself:

God with us

God for us

God in us

*Heavenly Father, I pray that this day I may live in Your Presence and please You more and more.*

*Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow You.*

*Holy Spirit, I pray that this day You will fill me with Yourself and cause Your fruit to ripen in my life: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

Matthew 6:24 (KJV)

**No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

Mammon: Money, worldly wealth, a  
worldview, a way of life, an ultimate value

Luke 16: 1-12

**Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. 2 So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’**

Luke 16: 1-12

**3 “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg—  
4 I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’**

Luke 16: 1-12

5 “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

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**7 “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’**

**“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.**

**“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’**

Luke 16: 1-12

**8 “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.**

Are people who don't know Jesus more passionate about temporary treasure than we are about eternal treasure?

Luke 16: 1-12

**9 I tell you, use worldly wealth (mammon) to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.**

The temporary things of this world can  
and should be leveraged for eternal  
value.

Worldly resources have eternal impact  
if you are serving God instead of  
mammon by using mammon to serve  
God.

Luke 16: 1-12

**10 “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.**

Jesus asks: How generous are you  
NOW?

Luke 16: 1-12

**11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth (mammon), who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?**

“True riches” are eternal. What’s eternal?  
People. True riches are loving people,  
serving people, ministering to people, helping  
people. It’s people to show the love of God  
to, people to disciple, people who will be  
transformed, people who live forever.

God asks: “Can I trust you with Kingdom things?” Do you view mammon as a tool to be leveraged for eternal impact?