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The Blessed Life

## WEEK 4

Breaking the Spirit of Mammon

- A Content Heart
- Finding Contentment in what God has for us

We are going to be working out of Luke 16 today

- We are talking about the Spirit of Mammon
- This word Mammon is used 4 times in scripture but 1 is a repeat in Matthew, but it is used 3 times in Luke 16 and that is where we are starting today.

Luke 16:9-13 NKJV

**9** “And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. **10** 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. **11** Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*? **12** And if you have not been faithful in what is another man’s, who will give you what is your own? **13** “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.”

- This is one of the only spots in scripture where God compares himself to something

### 1. What is Mammon?

- So what is mammon? if you read other translation it say the word money instead of mammon.
- This is what everybody thinks
- Mammon is an Aramaic word for Riches.
- It was named after a Syrian God that represented wealth and riches
- It came from the people of Babylon
- Babylon comes from the Tower of Babel back in the book of Genesis
- Babel means confusion and on means to sewn into, so the Babylon literally means, “sewn into confusion”
- The Babylonian people were a group of people who felt like they did not need God, that is why they built the tower of babel, they were going to build it up and become gods
- Jesus is speaking of a spirit a false god that represented riches
- Jesus puts the word unrighteous in front of it (Money is not unrighteous)
- He was speaking to the Jewish people about the Babylonians, where the Jewish people were enslaved for 70 years, so they new what Jesus was talking about
- This was one of the biggest gods the the Babylonians worshiped, and in some instance families would sacrifice their children to be blessed financially
- All money has a spirit on it, it either has a spirit of God or a spirit of Mammon
- Mammon is looking for servants!
- The Spirit of mammon is a belief that if I have riches, I don’t need God

- It is an arrogant and prideful spirit
- Mammon promises all the things that God can give to you
- It promises you, identity, security, joy, significant, peace.
- Jesus never used money to solve the problems, why because in all these spots Money is not the answer, Jesus is! The enemy is trying to do whatever he can to serve money

## 2. Is money Evil?

- The bible says Money is evil. NO! Lets read what Scripture says

### 1 Timothy 6:10

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

- Serving the god of riches is the root of all evil

### Luke 16:9 NKJV

**9** "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home.

- And now it is blessed, only God can take mammon and turn it into true riches
- what is true riches? There is only 1 thing in this room that will last forever, SOULS - People
- Take what the enemy wants to use for evil and dedicate it to God
- And then when you fail (Fail is mistranslated, it is really the greek word for Die)
- So what it is say, to take your money and use it for building God's kingdom, that when you die they, the people that came into the kingdom because of your offering they will welcome you.

## 3. What should I do with my money?

- let me tell you scripture teach if you can't be trusted with little than you won't be trusted with much.

### Luke 16:10 NKJV

**10** 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.

- In modern day speak, if you don't tithe with \$30,000 you wouldn't tithe if you made \$300,000
- When we read it says God has separated the tithe to himself, lets look at this next verse.
- I had to learn how to tithe when I was in college making no money, when I starting my first job at a church making \$10,000 a year. It is really hard to tithe when you don't have a lot, but when you are faithful in every season.

### Luke 16:12 NKJV

**12** And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?

- It could be saying, if you won't be faithful with the 10% then why would you be faithful with the 90%.
- You have the power to break the spirit of Mammon
- Your money either has the spirit of Mammon or spirit of God
- Money should never be the focus, it should be the fruit
- if you make it you focus it will be your idol

### Proverbs 11:24 MSG

The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.

- I don't want you to live under the spirit of Mammon
- I don't want you to worship and serve the economic system of this world
- Don't let mammon have control, test God
- if your money doesn't have a purpose there will be a problem
- The purpose can only come from God