# THE SICINON LIFE

### Breaking Free from the Spirit of Mammon

- There is a spirit of Money/Riches.
- It fights against Giving & Generosity.

#### Luke 16:9-15

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?

#### Luke 16:9-15

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." 14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him.

#### Luke 16:9-15

15 And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

## "Mammon"

- Riches
- Babylonian god of riches
- Spirit associated with it
- Tries to get us to look to mammon to fill our needs rather than filling our needs through God.
- "You cannot serve God and mammon."

# **Spirit of Mammon promises:**

- Identity
- Power
- Independence

#### Are we supposed to hate Money?

- Luke 16:13 "....love the one and hate the other."
- Mammon is much more than money.
- Money is a tool.
- God takes money and turns it into souls.
- Luke 16:9 "....that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home."

### 1. Deal with any selfishness in your heart.

- Deut. 15:9 "Do not be mean-spirited and refuse someone a loan, because the year for canceling debts is close at hand. If you refuse to make the loan, and the needy person cries out to the Lord, you will be considered guilty of sin."
- Be aggressive about it.

#### Galatians 6:7-8

"Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others – ignoring God! – harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, harvests a crop of real life."

### 2. Never allow your heart to grieve.

- Selfishness can attack before you give; Grief can attack after you give.
- Deut. 15:10 "You shall give generously, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give, because for this thing the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all your undertakings."
- The reward of giving generously is a Blessed Life.

#### 3. Develop a liberal heart.

- Deut. 15:14 "You shall supply him liberally from your flock, from your threshing floor, and from your winepress. From what the Lord your God has blessed you with, you shall give to him."
- God wants us to become like Him.

### 4. Maintain a grateful heart.

- Deut. 15:15 "Remember that you were slaves in Egypt, and the Lord your God redeemed you. That is why I give you this command today."
- Fills their hearts with gratitude.

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