

My Giving Shows Who I Serve
Matthew 19:16-30
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- Our treasure and income prove what we love and who we serve.
- God and money cannot be served simultaneously. You can only have one master over you.
- A decision is always made concerning money in relationship to God and there are only two possibilities: money over God or God over money.

Worldly possessions, apart from divine grace, have a deadening, hardening, hampering influence upon the soul. The temptation is to let riches rule the mind; and when that is the case, the kingdom of this world opposes the kingdom of heaven. Houses and land, and gold and silver, act as a birdlime to the soul and prevent its rising toward heaven. —Charles Spurgeon

Discussion Questions:

- a. Have you ever had to give up something or lose something in order to follow Jesus?
- b. Why do you think Jesus taught and spoke about money so often?
- c. What do you think Jesus' financial message would be to the church today?
- d. Has there ever been something that was hard for you to give up for the kingdom of God?
- e. Why do you think money and the love of it can be a "birdlime" to the soul of God's children?