

KEY: Money is a tool and can be used:

For **good** and eternal purposes or for **bad** and temporal purposes.

Luke 16: 9 Jesus says ... “And I say to you, make friends by yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home.

KEY: Use **your money** to bring people into the “kingdom of God” and they will welcome you as you enter heaven.

Luke 16:11 “Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the **true riches?**”

True riches = people, your church family.

KEY: If you have not been **“faithful”** with your money ... **who would commit to you “true” riches?**

C. WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH MONEY?

Answer: Be a “Good” **steward**.

“If God can get” it” (money) through you ... He can get “it” to you.”

Argument: “But I just have a little bit of money.”
= **God’s Test**.

Luke 16: 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.

KEY: God is **testing** you with a **“little”** and if your **faithful** with a **little** He will give you **more**.

KEY: The **good** steward gets more;
The **bad** steward doesn’t get anymore.

Luke 16: 12 “And if you have not been faithful in what is another man’s, who will give you what is your own?”

KEY: God owns “it” all ... If you have not been **faithful** with what doesn’t even belong to you ...How could God ever give you what is your **own?**

KEY: It’s not how;
Much ... “it” is **It is whose “it” is.**

Major KEYS:

- 1) **Be a good Steward.**
- 2) **Give Generously.**

Conclusion: We must break the “Spirit of Mammon” that tries to Replace God!

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Sermon Outline

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Message Title:
“Breaking the Spirit of Mammon”

Luke 15: 9 – 15

Introduction:

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.” ¹⁴ Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him. 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. ¹⁶ The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached,

and everyone is pressing into it.”

KEY: You cannot serve God and **mammon**.

A. WHAT IS MAMMON?

Mammon means riches Jesus is referring to the Assyrian god, the god of riches.

Babylon means sown or founded in confusion.

KEY: The World has been sown in **confusion**.

KEY: The “Spirit of Babel” was a prideful, arrogant spirit that did not need **God**.

KEY: Mammon says, “You don’t need God, you need **money**.”

Mammon tries to **replace** God with things.

KEY: All money has on it either the “Spirit of God” or the “Spirit of **mammon**.”

NOTE: When you **bring** the **first** portion of your money to God, you **Redeem** it and bring it **out of** the “**Spirit of Mammon**” and put the “**Spirit of God**” on it. “**That**” **money** according to **Malachi 3:10 multiplies** and **cannot be devoured** by “the” devourer because “**the**” **Spirit of God**” is **on** it.

KEY: Money that has “the” “**Spirit of God**” on it cannot be touched and **eaten** by the devourer. and **God will bless and protect** that money to be used for “kingdom” purposes, and **multiply**.

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KEY: Money that has “the” Spirit of mammon on it can be touched and **eaten** by the devourer.

KEY: Mammon lies and promises you everything and gives you **nothing**.

Mammon says ... “If you **serve** me ...”

Jesus said in (verse 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.”

KEY: Mammon is looking for **servants**.

Mammon will promise you:

- Security
- Significance
- Importance
- Freedom
- Power
- Independence
- Peace
- Love
- Joy

But you can only get these from **God!**

Verse 13 Jesus said ... “You will be **loyal** to one, and **despise** the other.”

KEY: Many “**Believers**” **despise** God over finances. **Jesus said** ... If you **Despise** one ... it’s because you’ve been **loyal** to the other one.

Satan’s Lie: “**We’ve said** “I need God to come through for me or I need **someone** to give me some money.”

KEY: **Mammon** wants to be your God. **Note! Jesus never said to the blind, lame, and the leper** ... “You need more **money**.”

KEY: Mammon is very subtle and says “if you **serve** “me” ... you can help more people.”

If **Mammon** is not a **spirit** ... **How come** “it” can **talk**?

B. IS MONEY EVIL?

No. It’s neutral.

I Timothy 6: 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**.”