

## Matthew 6:19-24

19. “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

20. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

21. for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22. The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.

23. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

24. No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

Jesus states very clearly in verse 24 of this morning’s Scripture that you cannot serve both God and mammon with your life. Now the word “mammon” here is transliterated from the Greek word “mamonas”, and comes directly from the Aramaic word “mamon”. The word is commonly defined as “wealth” or “treasure”; a suitable synonym for today would be “money” or “bank

account”.

So in essence Jesus is saying you cannot serve both God and Money. So which one are you currently serving? Another way of asking this question regards how you spend your time. How much of your time do you spend worshipping and serving the Lord each week, as compared to how much time you spend working to make money?

Now some may well say that they work for money in order to serve the Lord. In which case, God is very pleased. But I dare say this is not true for most of us. Bottom lines are so very revealing. As a matter of verifiable fact, most people give more money to the banks and credit card companies in interest to service their debt, than they ever give to the Lord and His work on earth.

So let's get real here. Who are you really serving-- God or Money? Jesus says you cannot do both.

Mammon, or money, can be a very cruel task master. I remember as a child my mom crying at the kitchen table in January, as she tried to pay the bills. Know this for certain: If you don't control your money, it will control you.

Serving God, on the other hand, is a life-giving, positive experience. Jesus came to give us life and give it to us abundantly--John 10:10. So how is your life? Is it abundant, or is your life spent on a never-ending treadmill that won't slow down? Are you serving a loving God who wants the best for you, or are you serving the God of

this world?

If you truly desire to serve the one true God and get off the world's treadmill, we have a financial seminar designed just for you. This Saturday, January 15th, at 10:00 in the morning Christ's Church will be hosting a workshop in Conference Rooms at the Summit in Kalispell. By the end of the seminar you will have a written, personalized plan for you and your family to get out of debt and start building solidly upon the Rock of Jesus Christ according to His Word. Our instructors Gerry and Rosa Yeats from Spokane have helped over 9000 people so far to get completely out of debt including their mortgage in 5-8 years and then turn every dollar of debt into real wealth.

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