

Series: What's Mine is His

"How to Worship God with My Money"

Matthew 6:19 - 25

Big Idea – I cannot worship money and God. I need to worship God with my money.

Matthew 6:19 "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal.

20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.

21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

22 "Your eye is a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is good, your whole body is filled with light.

23 But when your eye is bad, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!

24 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

25 "So I tell you, don't worry about the food or drink you need to live, or about the clothes you need for your body. Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothes."

I cannot worship God and money at the same time. Why?

- Money enslaves:

the heart – (vs. 19-21)

the mind – (vs. 22,23) the eye represents attitude of mind

the will – (vs. 24)

- Money creates a false security.

People think it will make them happy – NOT! can't buy happy

People think stuff will last forever – NOT! can't take it with you

1 Timothy 6:7 After all, we didn't bring anything with us when we came into the world, and we certainly cannot carry anything with us when we die.

- Money causes anxiety and worry.

Why? The more we have the more we want and need!

More stuff always leads to more stuff

I need to learn to be content.

1 Timothy 6:8 So if we have food and clothing, let us be content with that.

- Money and "stuff" can become our god.

20 But God said to him, 'Foolish man! Tonight your life will be taken from you. So then who will get those things you have prepared for yourself?'

21 "This is how it will be for those who store up things for themselves and are not rich toward God." Luke 12:20, 21

- Life is more than money.

Then Jesus said to them, "Be careful and guard against all kinds of greed. Life is not measured by how much stuff one owns." Luke 12:15

How can I worship God with my money?

- Accept the fact it all belongs to Him

1 Chronicles 29:11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things.

12 Riches and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and it is at your discretion that people are made great and given strength

14 But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you have already given us!

- God gives us what we need.

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 2 Corinthians 9:8

- Give to Him first

Proverbs 3:9 Honor GOD with everything you own; give him the first and the best.

Sacrificially

41 Jesus sat near the Temple money box and watched the people put in their money. Many rich people gave large sums of money.

42 Then a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which were only worth a few cents.

Mark 12:43 Calling his followers to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow gave more than all those rich people.

44 They gave only what they did not need. This woman is very poor, but she gave all she had; she gave all she had to live on."

Mark 12:41 - 44

Proportionally

Give, and you will receive. You will be given much. Pressed down, shaken together, and running over, it will spill into your lap. The way you give to others is the way God will give to you." Luke 6:38

On the first day of every week, each one of you should put aside money as you have been blessed. Save it up so you will not have to collect money after I come. 1 Corinthians 16:2

Progressively

2 Corinthians 9:7 You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully.

9 As the Scriptures say, "Godly people give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will never be forgotten."

Your checkbook and your calendar are theological documents. They will tell you who and what you worship.

Your use of money shows what you think of God.

The real measure of our wealth is how much we'd be worth if we lost all our money.

When a man becomes rich, either God gains a partner or the man loses a soul.

The poorest man in the world is the man who has nothing but money.

Money can buy a house, but not a home.

Money can buy a bed, but not sleep.

Money can buy a wedding ring, but not love.

Money can buy a clock, but not time.

Money can buy an education, but not wisdom.

Money can buy jewelry, but not beauty.

Money can buy insurance, but not safety.

Money can buy a crucifix, but not a Savior.

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