

BREAKING THE SPIRIT OF MAMMON
SERIES: From Bondage to Blessing
Matthew 6:24

INTRO: Jesus said, **No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve God and mammon.** Before God leads us into greater blessing, He often deals with the hidden bondages of our hearts—our fears, attitudes, and misplaced trust.

Jesus is not saying money is evil. The issue is **who has our heart**. There is a difference between having money and being mastered by it.

KEY: *God's blessing begins when God alone is Master of our hearts.*

1. THE CONFLICT — EVERY HEART HAS A MASTER

Matthew 6:24 — “No one can serve two masters...”

The word “**serve**” means to belong to and live under the authority of a master. Every heart has a throne, and whatever sits on that throne will influence our priorities and decisions.

KEY: *The question is not if we have a master, but who our master is.*

APP: Our choices under pressure often reveal who is really on the throne.

TRANS: Jesus reveals the conflict; now He identifies the competition.

2. THE COMPETITION — MAMMON WANTS GOD'S THRONE

SCRIPT: Matthew 6:24 — You cannot serve God and mammon.

Mammon represents money and possessions when they become the object of our **trust**.

Money is not the problem. **Misplaced trust is.**

- God says, “**Trust Me.**”
Mammon says, “**Trust what you have.**”
- God says, “**Give.**”
Mammon says, “**Keep.**”
- God says, “**Live by faith.**”
Mammon says, “**Live by fear.**”

SCRIPT: Joshua 24:15 — Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...

KEY: *Mammon is not measured by how much we have, but by how much our hearts depend upon it.*

APP: Ask yourself, “**Where is my security really found?**”

TRANS: When our trust becomes divided, something happens inside us—our peace becomes divided too.

3. THE CONSEQUENCE — A DIVIDED HEART PRODUCES A DIVIDED LIFE

Jesus says we will eventually be **loyal to one master over the other**.

KEY: *The one we trust most will become the one we follow.*

This is why Jesus immediately begins talking about worry in Matthew 6:25.

- Faith says, **“God will provide.”**
Fear says, **“What if He doesn’t?”**
- Faith says, **“God is in control.”**
Fear says, **“I have to control everything.”**
- Faith says, **“My Father knows what I need.”**
Fear says, **“What if I don’t have enough?”**
- When God is our Source, we can live with peace.

APP: Don't allow fear or financial pressure to dictate your priorities. The God who has been faithful before will remain faithful.

TRANS: Jesus reveals the conflict, competition, and consequence. Now we come to the cure.

4. THE CURE — GENEROSITY ENTHRONES GOD AGAIN

KEY: *Generosity is an act of worship that declares, “Jesus is Lord.”*
Generosity is more than giving money. It is saying:

- **“God, You are my Source.”**
- **“God, I trust You.”**
- **“Money is not my master.”**

Proverbs 3:9 — “Honor the LORD with your possessions...”

Giving is not simply a financial transaction. **It is an expression of honor, gratitude, worship, and trust.**

Mammon says, **“Trust your wealth.”**

Generosity says, **“I trust my God.”**

APP: Live with open hands. Put God first and let your generosity demonstrate your trust in Him.

CONCLUSION:

Jesus brings us to one important question: **Who sits on the throne of my heart?**

The message is simple:

- Every heart has a master.
- Mammon competes for our trust.
- Divided trust steals our peace.
- Generosity declares that Jesus is Lord.

A generous heart says:

“Jesus, You are my Source, You are my Master, and my trust is in You.”

TRANS: As we bring our tithes and offerings, we are not giving to earn God's favor. **We give because we trust Him.**

It is not simply about what leaves our hands; **it is about who has our hearts.**

Today, let our giving declare:

“Jesus, everything I have belongs to You. You are my Source, and my trust is in You.”