

WHO IS INFLUENCING *your* MONEY?

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We've started talking about the concept of the "least." According to Luke 16:10, money is the least thing in the kingdom of God. If you serve God and follow His instructions with your finances, then your trust with the least—money—is going to cause you to exercise your faith in other, more important, areas like healing and deliverance. Luke 16:13 goes a step further: *"No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."* Mammon came from an Aramaic word and, in most translations, it means "riches," "money," or "wealth," but the word is really the name of a spirit: the spirit of mammon.

The spirit of mammon has been hiding for centuries and has been so crafty and sneaky that its manifestations have gone unnoticed. It wants to rule our lives and cause us to sacrifice our very character for money. Money is neither good nor bad, but all money has a spirit impacting it—either God's Spirit or the spirit of mammon. If you believe money is the only way you'll be able to get out of a situation and you haven't prayed or consulted God about it, the spirit of mammon is trying to influence you.

The spirit of mammon is all about self-centeredness, which leads to bitterness, and it directly opposes God. Mammon is selfish, but God is generous. Mammon says "buy and keep." God says "sow and reap." Mammon says "cheat and steal." God says "give and receive." Every time there's a need or problem in your life, mammon will try to convince you that the answer is something that money can purchase. Thoughts like, "Marrying a rich person will bring me happiness," or "I can pay for the best doctor in the world," will lead you to a place where you think, "I don't need God because I can just get everything I need with money."

The spirit of mammon will instruct you to do things that go against your integrity in order to get money, make you feel like that's alright, and then leave you all by yourself in a ditch trying to figure out how to handle things on your own. What's worse, because you've dismissed God you'll do anything, compromise who you are, or allow yourself to be exploited to get that money that you think is the only way out of that ditch. The bottom line is this: the spirit of mammon wants to steal your trust in God. It will promise to give you things only God can give. Choose to allow

God's Spirit to instruct you on what to do with money or you will, by default, allow the spirit of mammon to govern you.
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P.S. I love you and I really want to make sure you understand mammon's influence, so I'm offering the free message, *Treasure In Secret Places*. Thank you for your partnership with this ministry!

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