

# You Cannot Serve God And Mammon

Luke 16:1-13

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Intro. [A] We live in an age called the Post Modern Age.  
It is identified by a number of characteristics.

1. Reality is its primary thesis.
2. There are no absolutes.
3. Right and wrong are decided at the situation.

[B] Post-modern influence has invaded our churches.

1. The plain teachings of Jesus are set-aside, misinterpreted, or simply ignored.
2. False prophets in Missionary Baptist churches disguise<sup>+</sup> deny the very tenets of God's word to do what they want to do.

It is silly to say that we break God's word in order to bring people to God.

[C] The Bible doesn't change with time.

1. The truths that Jesus spoke are true now.
2. They have always been true and will always be true.
3. "...Ye cannot serve God and mammon". a truth.

1. "serve" = δουλεύω = "to serve as a slave", "to be subject to and to serve in subjection to another".

2. "mammon" = μαμμωνᾶς = "that in which one trusts" generally this is wealth or riches.

4. We cannot subject ourselves to God and to some other concept.

[D] Jesus spoke a parable to illustrate the above stated truth.

1. It is profound in its simplicity.
2. Although He addressed His disciples He was still rebuking the Pharisees.
3. Vs. 14

[E] what should stewards do who believe in <sup>2</sup> doing as the, "children of this world" do?

Vs. 9 1. The advice that Jesus gave.

2. They are bound to fail.

Vs. 22b-23 3. All of this mentality are headed for the same place of everlasting habitations.

## II. God's Standard of Honesty.

[A] It is not based on quantity.

Vs. 10 1. The person who is trustworthy over a small amount can be trusted with a lot of money.

2. If you can't trust a man with a nickel, you sure can't trust him with a 100<sup>00</sup> bill.

[B] If we are dishonest with men we will be dishonest with God.

Vs. 11 1. dishonest with unrighteous mammon.

2. dishonest with God's WORK.

[C] Why some people never make it with God.

Vs. 12 1. you are dishonest with another's wealth.

2. you would be dishonest with your own.

3. Some people just can't be trusted.

## III. The Divided Heart Cannot Be Trusted.

[A] No servant can serve two master..."

Vs. 13 1. "...he will hate the one"

2. "and love the other".

[B] "OR"

1. Hold = ἀντέχειν = "cling to"

2. "despise" = καταφρονέω = "to think lightly of."

... he will cling to one and think nothing of the other.