



Rock Church
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Breaking the Spirit of Mammon
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This 4-week series unpacks the relationship between faith and finances, focusing on the powerful truth that generosity is not a burden – it's our privilege! In Part 4, special guest Pastor Robert Morris sheds light on the blessings of following God's financial blueprint and averting mammon's financial agenda.

In your group, read Luke 16:9-13, review the points below, then discuss accordingly:

1. **What is Mammon?** Mammon, in this context, is not money, it is riches, referencing a false deity/spirit. All money has an unrighteous spirit on it and we cannot serve two masters; we either worship the spirit of God or the spirit of mammon. We don't give to get, we get to give. Mammon is looking for servants because it promises you identity, significance, happiness, peace, joy, and more, but it cannot deliver. Jesus never told anyone that the answer to his or her problems was more money. Money isn't the answer... Jesus is. If money can fix it, it's not a problem. If money can't fix it, then God can.

***Discussion:** Think about a problem you've had in your life...which was your first thought – that you need God to come through? or that you need some money?*

2. **Is money evil** (1 Timothy 6:10)? No, it is neutral. You can use money for good or for bad, for temporal purposes or eternal purposes. The love of money, not money itself, is a root of all kinds of evil. You can dedicate your unrighteous mammon to God and He can make it righteous.

***Discussion:** Think about where your money is spent and consider how you can make adjustments to give God the first fruits (10%) immediately, instead of depleting your funds on unnecessary spending and giving God leftovers.*

3. **What should I do with money** (Luke 16:10)? Be a good steward. If you are not faithful with a little, how can you be entrusted with even more? *If your attitude is that you don't need to be faithful with a little, you will never have more. If you don't tithe if you make \$30K now, you won't tithe if you make \$300K later. You have the power to break the spirit of mammon.*

***Discussion:** If you currently are not tithing, what is hindering you from giving by faith? If you are currently tithing, briefly share with your group a time when you felt a tug from the Holy Spirit to give even though you may not have had an excess in your account to do so, and how you were blessed after the fact (such as wage increase, favorable response, answer to prayer).*

