

Matthew 6:24

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

When Jesus was delivering the Sermon on the Mount, He spoke these very words. Of course, Jesus wasn't speaking in English, but rather Aramaic. One of the words that Jesus spoke that day has stayed in its original form, the word "mammon". In its truest translation, the word 'mammon' means, "wealth as an object of desire and false worship." I believe that it is fair to say, that mammon is the god of the United States of America. Perhaps you are offended that I would make such a remark; because the United States was founded upon the Word of God and our Judeo-Christian roots is what has made this nation great. But friends, where is God in America today? We have kicked Him out of our schools, our courtrooms, in some cases our hospitals. We are seeking to remove Him from our money, our 'Pledge of Allegiance', and even our airways. If America is a Godly nation, then why do we murder four thousand babies a day? When extreme Muslim terrorists shocked our world on 9/11, by taking four American airliners and crashing them on our soil that day, we often speak of the loss of life that day, which were over three thousand men, women and children. Remember, it was extreme Muslim terrorists that murdered so many innocent people that day. Yet, you hear nothing of the mass murders committed in hospitals and abortion clinics every single day. Could it be that as long as it doesn't affect our pocket books, saving accounts, IRA's, 401Ks, Annuity Funds, Stocks, Bonds and any other form of savings or retirement, that we really aren't that bothered with what is going on around us? You see, our 'mammon' means more to us than God's Word. Of course we are not so brazen that we would ever acknowledge such a thing, especially out loud. But, is that not what our actions do on a daily basis?

Our problem is perspective. We have been deceived into believing that in order to prosper in this world, then we must compromise God's Word. That is not only a blatant lie, but it is in direct opposition to God's Word. The question isn't whether you can prosper and still be a Christian, rather the question is what is more important to you, God or riches? I love what John Hagee said about prosperity on one of his television programs. He said, "I am not a prosperity preacher, I am a preacher who prospers." The issue is not prosperity; the issue is which is your God, Jesus Christ or mammon? It really is quite an easy question to answer. Simply ask yourself, "Which one are you more willing to give up, Jesus or your earthly treasures." I believe that the church is suffering the same epidemic of greed and hedonism, as the rest of the world. Look how difficult it is to get people who claim to be believers to faithfully come to church, let alone tithe? We have evolved in the church to where we see God as someone who is there to serve and give us our every dream and desire. We have lost almost all sense of servanthood and discipleship. Truly this scripture is absolutely as true today, as when Jesus spoke that day to the thousands present there. Only one master will reign supreme in your life, Jesus Christ or your mammon or riches. The question you must answer today, "Is the one who is the master in your life right now, the one that you want to be master, when you stand before Jesus on Judgment Day"?