

### Lovers of money

Jesus said: *No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (Luke 16:13).*

We are either serving God or “mammon” - the word Jesus used for money when it becomes an idol. When the love of money becomes the core motivator of our lives, we cannot love Jesus as he demands to be loved and served.

Our actions, passions and choices reveal who has our allegiance. Most of us claim to be serving and loving God, but our lifestyles often reveal that we actually love money more. We aren't serving God in one of the most fundamental ways he requires, namely being faithful stewards of what he entrusted to us. We can't imagine sacrificially sharing our wealth as God intended, because we love what we have too much, and we want more. Money is really our master and not God! And as Jesus declared, no one can serve two masters. Either we will love one and hate the other or vice versa.

Jesus also said (Matt 6: 28 - 34) : *"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.** Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."*

Blessed are those who live the simple lifestyle of Christ-like servant hood and righteous stewardship, because they will inherit the glorious wealth of God's eternal, heavenly kingdom and reign with Christ forever!