



Breaking the Spirit of Mammon

- Live** All money has a spirit on it. Money submitted to God and His purposes has the Spirit of God on it. Money not submitted to God has the spirit of mammon on it. Mammon promises everything, but delivers nothing.
- Open** Have you ever been the recipient of a random act of kindness? If so, have you had the opportunity to bless someone as a result of the blessing you received?
- Read** Mammon is a prideful, arrogant spirit that tries to take the place of God. It tells you it can solve all of your problems. It promises significance, independence and power, and that having more money, driving the right car and owning a bigger house will bring happiness and fulfillment.
- Money and mammon are not the same thing. Mammon is the spirit that rests on money that has not been submitted to God. The Spirit of God is on money that has been submitted to the Lord and His purposes. God is the only One who can transform unrighteous mammon into true riches.
- Just as Jesus turned water into wine, God can turn money into souls. The Enemy works hard to corrupt and distort our thoughts about money because he knows the more money we give to the church, the more souls will be saved and set free. Giving is what breaks the spirit of mammon.
- Talk**
1. People under the influence of the spirit of mammon tend to have a fear about money. Why do you think that is?

2. Read Luke 16:9–15. What is the result of trying to serve two masters, and do you think it's possible?
3. Greed, covetousness and selfishness are all manifestations of the spirit of mammon. What are some other ways you can recognize this spirit is trying to rule your life?
4. What can you do to make sure your money has the Spirit of God on it and not the spirit of mammon?
5. The spirit of mammon is broken by giving. What does the condition of your heart have to do with breaking the spirit of mammon?
6. It's not about how much you give; it's about whose money it is. How does the principle of stewardship influence the spirit of mammon?

Live

1. Both God and mammon talk to us. Sometimes it's a whisper and sometimes it's a shout, but it's there every time we're praying about giving sacrificially. Take time to listen to God daily so you can discern His voice whispering to you when another voice may be shouting for your attention.
2. If you feel like you don't have enough money to worry about the spirit of mammon, meditate on Luke 16:10. When you get to a place where you are faithful with the little you've been given, you'll be given more.

Pray

If you recognize signs of mammon in your life, take time to pray a prayer like this: *"Dear God, forgive me for being selfish, prideful and covetous. Please forgive me for listening to the unholy spirit of mammon. Lord, I ask You to break that spirit off of me, my family and my descendants. Help me, from this day forward, to be a generous, extravagant giver to the kingdom of God."*