

Living The Blessed Life  
Freedom From the Spirit of Riches  
Matthew 6:24 (NKJV)

**Introduction** - Jesus states that it **IS** possible to serve mammon instead of God and impossible to serve both.

I. What is **MAMMON**?

- An Aramaic word that means riches; Babylon was founded upon this principle - Genesis 11:4
- The spirit of self-sufficiency: We don't need God; trust in riches.  
This is the spirit of the world and it's a liar; a substitute for God
- People under this spirit's influence have the most fear about their money
- Mammon promises only what God can give: security, significance, identity, independence, power, freedom, insulation from problems and answers to every situation... it simply wants to rule; Antichrist  
- Revelation 13:17
- Money and mammon are not synonymous - 1 Timothy 6:10
- We will love one and hate the other

II. Real **RICHERS** - Luke 16:9-13

- Money can be used for unrighteous or righteous purposes. Money submitted to God is blessed/ multiplies
- Money used to bring people to Christ transforms mammon to riches  
- Matthew 6:19-21; A welcoming committee
- It's not how much we have that matters; who does it belong to?! Faithful with little then true riches are given
- Giving money makes us mindful of eternity

III. The **FRIENDS** of Mammon

- The spirit of poverty (ashamed of blessing) and the spirit of pride  
(I've earned the blessings)
- Both of these are traps to be "things-focused" rather than  
"God-focused"
- Exposing these spirits is needful because God uses "things" to test/ reveal our heart - Example: Your situation in life... Pride says:  
I deserve more! Poverty says: I should feel guilty! Gratitude says: Thank you God!
- Pride wants people to think we paid more, poverty wants people to think we paid less but gratitude only cares what God thinks. Tell the truth and be grateful
- Freedom from these spirits comes when we remember it is God's blessings on our lives that has produced anything good  
- Deuteronomy 8:18

**Conclusion** - May we allow God to set us **FREE** from the spirit on mammon.

*All scripture is from the HCSB unless otherwise noted.*