

MONEY IS YOUR MASTER

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Chapter 2: SACRIFICING REPUTATION

Mathew 6:24 says, "*No one can serve two masters. The person will hate one master and love the other, or will follow one master and refuse to follow the other. You cannot serve both God and worldly riches.*"

We see people all the time sacrificing their reputation for money. Politicians, business-men, preachers and the like have disregarded the value of their reputation for the pursuit of money. Proverbs 22:1 says, "*Being respected is more important than having great riches. To be well thought of is better than silver or gold.*"

The value of a reputation is priceless. However, in this society this concept is rarely applied. When you choose to lie rather than keep your integrity for the purpose of attaining money, money is your god. If you choose to

cheat others and take advantage of poor people's ignorance, money is your god.

When companies choose to sacrifice the reputation of their business for the purpose of attaining high profits, money is their god. If you decide to discredit the integrity of your good name for the pursuit of money, that's your god.

Money is a horrible master. It keeps you pushing for more **WITHOUT** giving you the satisfaction of contentment. People who are mastered by money are never satisfied, content or fulfilled no matter how much they have. Enough is **NEVER** enough!

These people will die chasing the wind. Chasing an idea that doesn't have an end. There is no sin in being wealthy but it is foolish to chase wealth. The reason it is foolish is because wealth does not have an end. Anything that doesn't have an end will always keep you unfulfilled.

The idea of money will convince you that there is always more to get. This type of thinking is dangerous because it will **ALWAYS** keep you in struggling circumstances.

Ecclesiastes 4:6 says, *"Maybe so, but I say it is better to be content with what little you have. Otherwise, you will always be struggling for more, and that is like chasing the wind."*

How God thinks of you is important. How people think of you matters. You can go further in this life with a valuable reputation than with an abundance of money.

RELATIONSHIPS ARE CURRENCY.

In the words of Mike Murdock, one day of favor is worth a thousand years of labor. God blessed you through relationships, not money. God promotes you through relationships, not money. God helps you through relationships, not money.

Any fool can make money but not everyone can keep a relationship. People who have chosen to sacrifice their

reputation for the pursuit of money have decided that money is their God.

Have you lost good friends in exchange for making more money? Have you lost business partners for choosing profits over integrity? Have you lost credibility for the purpose of being promoted?

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