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Each One! Bless One! You Make a Difference!

All too often we focus on the Patriarchs, Kings, Queens, and Princes of the Bible and suppose that all Christians in good standing will be wealthy in material gain, without a thought to the countless hundreds of thousands of other Christians in the Bible who were poor or otherwise were not wealthy but in their faith.

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

Luke 16:13 (KJ)

Mammon, Part One. Many of you may not recognize the name, Mammon. In books of spirituality, this name is synonymous with greed, avarice and a demon of wealth. In some texts, you may find this name relating to the son of Satan or the Antichrist. It is also synonymous with money; the biblical reference is to righteous Mammon. The dominion of Mammon is earthly riches, money, wealth and material gain; the lust there in-the uncommon desire for money and wealth, superseding other desires.

Television-American television is one of the tools of Mammon uses to entrap people into a trap of covetousness. "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:" Colossians 3:5 (KJ) Television creates a desire, and unnatural desire for products and services and the good life of the rich and famous. Television creates or instills covetousness in the eyes of the beholder. "The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light." Luke 11:34-36 (KJ)

From <u>Wikipedia</u>: Webster's dictionary defines "Mammon" or "Mann" as: 1) the false god of riches and avarice. 2) riches regarded as an object of worship and greedy pursuit; wealth as an evil, more or less personified.[1] Winston defines it to mean: 1) wealth, worldly gain; 2) greed for riches; cupidity.[2] Oxford defines: god of wealth, regarded as evil or immoral; 'those who worship mammon' are equivalent to greedy people who value money too highly.[3]

Mammon is a term that was used to describe greed, avarice, and unjust worldly gain in Biblical literature. It was personified as a false god in the New Testament. The term is often used to refer to excessive materialism or greed as a negative influence. Adjectival forms are mammonish and mammonistic.[1][2]

In the Bible, Mammon is personified in Luke 16:13, and Matthew 6:24, the latter verse repeating Luke 16:13. In some translations, Luke 16:9 and Luke 16:11 also personify mammon; but in others, it is translated as 'dishonest wealth' or equivalent.

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Mammon's lieutenants are greed, avarice, and selfishness. These of the primary reasons for this scripture: the poor, you have with you always. (Mark 14:7) When you think of father died, you think of a personification of a deity--you think of father God in human form, and a spirit form, in the form of Jesus Christ, or in the form of something other than the forms just mentioned. When you think of Mammon as a personification of the word, you can then have a better grasp of how to overcome its attacks which are very subtle.

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MATERIAL GAIN IS NOT A SIGN OF GODLINESS



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