

HOT TAKES

WHAT EVERYONE WANTS TO KNOW,
BUT NOBODY WANTS TO TALK ABOUT

MESSAGE SUMMARY

We all want to win with money—but **the truth is, most people don't have money... money has them.** We chase it like a dog chasing its tail—only to find out it costs us more than we ever thought. Jesus reminds us that you can't serve both God and money. One will lead. One will rule. When God is on the throne, money becomes a tool. But when money takes the throne, it becomes a trap.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 👉 **God wants** you to win with money—starting now, not later.
 - 👉 Money is a tool, not the enemy. **But without God, that tool becomes a trap.**
 - 👉 When you serve God, **money serves you.** When you serve money, you lose both.
 - 👉 Chasing money **will never satisfy**—it will only suffocate.
 - 👉 Tithing and trusting God with your finances **puts money in its right place.**
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KEY SCRIPTURES

💡 **Matthew 6:24** — “You cannot serve both God and money.”

💡 **Mark 10:17-22** — The rich young ruler walks away sad because he loves money more than Jesus.

💡 **1 Timothy 6:10** — “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.”

💡 **Matthew 6:21** — “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

ICEBREAKER

- What’s the craziest thing you’ve seen someone do on a game show?
 - If you had to compete on a game show to win a million dollars, which show would you pick—and why?
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SURFACE LEVEL

- What part of today’s message hit you hardest?
 - Have you ever caught yourself thinking, “**If I just had more money, I’d be happier**”?
 - Why do you think Jesus said **we can’t serve both God and money**—not just that we *shouldn’t*?
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- **Read *Mark 10:17-22*.** Why did Jesus tell the rich young ruler to sell everything?
 - **Read *Matthew 6:24*.** How does chasing money hurt our faith?
 - **Read *1 Timothy 6:10*.** Why is loving money so dangerous? What happens when we trust money more than God?
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PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Who or what is on the throne of your heart right now—**God or money**?
 - How would your life look different **if you fully trusted God** with your money?
 - Is there an area where you've been chasing **comfort or cash** instead of your calling?
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PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

👉 Choose one of these this week:

- 1 **Get a job—but make Wednesdays and Sundays sacred.** Let your boss know those are non-negotiable.
- 2 **Tithe first, not last.** As soon as you get paid, give the first 10% to God.
- 3 **Pray before you pick your path.** Ask God to guide you toward your calling—not just a paycheck.

💡 **Challenge:** Write down or pray this declaration each morning:

“Money doesn’t own me. God does.”

CLOSING PRAYER 🙏

"God, I don't want to chase money. I want to chase You. Help me trust You with everything I have, including my money. Keep my heart free from greed and my hands open to give. Teach me to serve You first so that money serves me. I want to live for You—not for stuff that fades. In Jesus' name, Amen."

🚀 SPIRITUAL GROWTH FOCUS 🚀

STEP #5 — CHOOSE GOD OVER GREED

📢 *Why is this crucial?* Because what you serve shapes who you become. Don't let money master you. Let God guide you.

Weekly Commitments:

- ✓ Say "no" to one unnecessary thing you were tempted to buy.
- ✓ Read *Matthew 6:19-34* this week.
- ✓ Tithe your next paycheck—even if it's small.