

## Daily Devotional, January 17, 2021

### “You Cannot Serve God and Mammon”, (Matthew 6:24, NKJV)

*“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”* (Matthew 6:24)

In Bible days, a master had complete authority over a slave. One could not have two masters because their commands may conflict. But while one could not choose one’s master in those days, every one of us then and now chooses who will be master over one’s life. You cannot be your own master. You are either serving God or the devil in whatever you do. If you are serving your own needs and desires, if you are serving money, or if you are into whatever you are into that robs you of time and communion with God through Jesus Christ, then you are not serving God. You are serving mammon, that which is of the world, in furtherance and promotion of the devil’s program, for he is the **“god of this age”** (2 Corinthians 4:4). If your spouse, child, grandchild, president, or favorite athlete is before God to you in practice, then you are not truly serving God, giving Him your first and best. There is a song by Bob Dylan, recorded in 1979, that really gets to this point, and has laid its impress on my mind. I would like to share a few lines with you.

“You may be a construction worker working on a home  
You may be living in a mansion or you might live in a dome  
You might own guns and you might even own tanks  
You might be somebody's landlord, you might even own banks

But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes  
You're gonna have to serve somebody  
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord  
But you're gonna have to serve somebody

You may be a preacher with your spiritual pride  
You may be a city councilman taking bribes on the side  
You may be workin' in a barbershop, you may know how to cut hair  
You may be somebody's mistress, may be somebody's heir

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Who are you serving?