

TEST FOR MAMMON

Mammon is potentially one of the biggest heart problems many will face (1 Timothy 6:10) in this society where the standard of living is high and so many luxurious and beautiful things are available. The Bible says that where your treasure is, that is where your heart is (Matthew 6:21). Therefore, our houses, cars, clothes and many trinkets seem to be what's emphasized, instead of the kingdom. We invest too much time worrying about or trying to accumulate worldly pursuits and possessions.

- Is money/making money more important to you than kingdom work?
- Do you tithe?
- Have you knowingly neglected the poor or a brother with a genuine financial need?
- Is money really important or the true measure of success to you?
- Have you been liberal and cheerful in your giving (above the tithe)?
- Have you paid your employees an adequate wage and in a timely fashion; or ever withheld what was justly due them?
- Have you cheated/stolen money in the past and not made restitution?
- Have you not given when prompted by the Holy Spirit?
- Do you give when it's only to your benefit: to endear people to you, to obligate them to you, or to look good in front of others?
- Have you cheated on your income tax?
- Have you always paid back what you've borrowed in a timely fashion?
- Do you withhold information about your salary/spending from your spouse?
- Do you or your spouse work extra hours/job to achieve a higher economic level at the expense of your children?

Scriptures:

1 Timothy 6:9-10

Matthew 6:24

Matthew 6:21

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Luke 16:10-11

Malachi 3:8-10

1 John 3:16-17

Romans 13:7

Matthew 6:33