

A friend of mine was complaining this week about the richest man in the United States. He says the richest man owns over seven billion dollars, but he does not spend his money. He does not give to the needy; he does not buy expensive cars: He drives an unairconditioned truck. For my friend, the richest man in the United States serves one master, and that master is money.

Jesus says you cannot serve two masters. You cannot serve both God and money. You will love one and hate the other.

Many people think they can serve two masters; they think they can earn a lot of money while they serve God. But in our hearts, we are either serve one or the other.

Now, some might think, "I have no money; therefore, I must serve God." But even this is not always true. Sometimes we serve other masters: For example, we may serve our job instead of our family. That is, we may devote more time and effort to work than to the people we love. Another master we may serve is ourselves. Sometimes we do only what we want rather than what others want. Sometimes we think we serve two masters, but we really serve one.

Just which master do we serve? We can answer the question by examining how we spend our money, and how we spend our time. The money we share with others indicates our love for them. The time we spend with God indicates that he is our master.

Even the richest man alive is servant to a master. Let us choose our master carefully, and serve him with all our hearts.

