



Who is your BOSS?

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(Part 1)

A “boss” is a *chief*, a *master*, a *leader*; he is someone who tells you what to do.

In Matthew 6:24, Jesus said:

24 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.

In the context of this verse, “mammon” is *wealth* or *money*. Jesus says you cannot serve God and money. That tells me that the two of them are mutually exclusive. For instance, you cannot be a man and a woman. It is not possible. That is why homosexuality and lesbianism are perversions from the pit of hell. You cannot have the body of a man and the interests of a woman. You cannot be black and white. In the same way, you cannot serve God and riches. You will either love one or hate the other. You cannot serve both equally. Jesus continued:

25 “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?”

26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?”

28 “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;

29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?”

31 “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’”

32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things.”

Matthew 6:25-34 (NKJV)

Who Is Your Boss?... Three Questions And Answers

In order to truly determine who your boss is, I have identified three questions which you will need to answer for yourself.

Question 1

Who do you serve?

To “serve” means, “to be a slave to something, and to do service to that thing.” Usually, a servant tries to win the affection of his master. So, whose attention are you trying to win? When you make friends, whose attention are you trying to win? If we were to put God on one side and money on the other, whose attention would you try to win? Is it the attention of God or of money?

When you decide what business practices to undertake, is it in support of God or money? As a man of God, when you decide where to establish your ministry, whose attention are you trying to get? Is it where God has called you to or is it where you think will be lucrative financially and materially? Lady when you decide to get married, is money the deciding factor? Who is your boss?

Question 2

Who do you love?

What gives you a thrill? If you have a large sum of money, does it give you a thrill to give it to the work of God? Or does it give you a thrill to own it, put it in your bank account so that when you get your bank statement you are glad to see that it has plenty zeros? Does the thought of writing God a cheque with plenty zeros thrill you? Or do you get a thrill at the mere thought of receiving a cheque with plenty zeros in it and putting it in your account and sleeping well at night simply because you know you have plenty money? Who is your boss?

Question 3

Who are you loyal to?

To be “loyal” means, to *support*, to *hold on to something*. When you are loyal to somebody you don’t disappoint them. If you are loyal to your employer, you don’t let down or disappoint your employer. If you are loyal to your wife or husband, you don’t let down or disappoint them. Since we have said to be loyal means, “to support, to hold on to something,” it means sometimes you might be tempted to disappoint the one you are loyal to, however, you hold on to them against all odds because of your loyalty to them.

Are you loyal to God such that when He tells you to give a large amount of money, you go ahead and give it? Or are you loyal to money to the extent that you cannot give it to God? If you earmark a large sum of money to put into the kingdom work, does the money tell you, "Watch out, that amount will leave a big gap in your



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account"? Will you go ahead and give the money because God asked you to do so, or will you listen to your money? Who do you serve? Who do you love and who has your loyalty? Can God count on you to be loyal to Him as long as there is a need in the kingdom? Or can your money count on you not to withdraw anything from your account because you may need it for yourself?

Don't be in a hurry to answer any of these questions. At the end of this article you will be able to answer and then switch masters and make God your boss if He is not already your boss.

For the purpose of this article, assume that money is your boss so you can get help.

Who Is Your Boss?... Three Revealing Factors

In Matthew 6, Jesus went on to show three factors that reveal whether or not money is your boss.

Factor 1

A lack of understanding of what life is all about

Remember, you can't serve God and money. You may think you have been serving God, when in reality you have not, because He is not the one instructing you. It is your needs, your circumstances and your bank account that have been instructing you all along. You may wonder why it has been like that. It's simply because there is a lack of understanding of what life is all about: life is more than food, clothes and provision.

Often times you hear people say, "I have seen life!" For instance, you may see a woman in her fifties who would ordinarily have been very beautiful if she had money, looking so old, wrinkled and spent. When you see her you say, "This woman has seen life!" No, she hasn't seen life; she has seen death. You must know that poverty is a curse and not part of any blessing. So if you have seen suffering, you have not seen life, you have seen death.

On the other hand, you may see somebody really well dressed and looking really nice and you say, "His life is just complete!" The truth is, neither poverty nor wealth is life. Let me show you what life is:

25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

27 So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"

28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you."

36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

37 And he said, "He who showed mercy on him."

Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:25-37 (NKJV)

In this story, a certain lawyer asked Jesus, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus' answer to the lawyer's question shows that an expression of true life is when you are able to write a blank cheque for a thing that has no immediate benefit to you. That is what Jesus meant by telling the story of the Good Samaritan. The Good Samaritan took the wounded man to an Inn and asked the innkeeper to take care of him till he returned. What moved him to do that? He was moved by the compassion of God. Can you write a blank cheque if necessary, to someone you don't even know?

When you give money to the kingdom, you are giving in order that souls you may never meet personally can be won. Some of the souls may even be in the same church as you are. Let me ask you, "Are there people in your church you have not met personally?" If your answer is yes, then I want you to know that your giving can change lives. Changing lives is what life is all about!

To Be Continued.