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Matthew 6:24-34

The flesh and the spirit are at war with one another and whichever one you serve  
**RULES YOU.**

24\* No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. **Ye cannot serve God and mammon.** (fleshly desires)

James 1:8 **A double minded man** is unstable in all his ways.

Galatians 6:8 For **he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption;** but **he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.**

You think this is a piece of cake (easy) well your sadly mistaken.

To sow to the flesh is easy or a piece of cake, all you have to do is follow your desires which come naturally.

But sowing to the Spirit means **WORK,** (You should set up a routine) **commitment,** (if you say you'll do it, **THEN DO IT** be faithful) and **dedication** in a consistent manner.

25\* **Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?**

Most of us in what we call the free world, have a change of cloths for every day and some way more. We have a deep freeze full of meat and other food and if the electricity went off it would all be thrown in the garbage. One or two automobiles, two or three TV's, money in the bank, a good credit rating and all kinds of recreational

STUFF. We Have, but always want more, we are always asking God for STUFF. We treat God like a heavenly butler that is at our beckoning call to supply STUFF.

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; **yet your heavenly Father feedeth them.** Are ye not much better than they?

27\* Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And **why take ye thought for raiment?** Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29\* And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30\* Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, **shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?**

You see, it is not wrong to ask God for things to be a better christian and walk in his will. LIKE: a good job, (the bible says that if a man won't work, then he shouldn't eat either) love, wisdom, compassion **and so on.**

(Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit **of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.)

31\* Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for

your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

If we would use HALF the time we ask God for STUFF and just thank him for the things we already have, You would see a drastic change in your walk with Jesus

**33\*** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

To seek God you have to read or hear his word, without this, you don't have a clue what he expects of us and the tremendous promises he has given us.

(Psalms 119:11\* Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.)

(Psalms 22:3\* But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. 1Peter 2:9\* But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:)

God dwells in the praises of his people: You wonder why there are no great miracles? How much time have you spent just praising and thanking God.

There are other reasons there is a lack in Gods power in your life and one of the bigger things is robbing God.

(Malichi 3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.)

Abraham paid tithes LONG BEFORE the law so those that say we are not under the law, Neither was Abraham.

For those that don't tithe, there always a day late and a dollar short. They are always coming up short, they say I can't afford it. THE TRUTH is they can't afford NOT TO.

(Haggai 1:6\* Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with

drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and **he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.**)

You see if you put God FIRST, it then puts the onuses back on him. God is not a man that he should lie, his promises are Yea and Amen.

**(2Corinthians 9:7\* Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.)**

When we give, I don't care if it's money, time or substance you do it with cheerfulness. If you do it grudgingly, YOU WILL NOT receive his blessings

**34\* Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.**

**Why is it so hard to put God ahead of our wants and greeds.**

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