

Serving Two Masters

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In Luke 16 Jesus gives the Parable of the Unjust Steward, after which he cautions the people, "No servant 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.** And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men..."

The Pharisees, who were covetous derided Jesus, invoking Jesus' response, "Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God."

The context suggests that when Jesus said, "highly esteemed among men," He had in mind that which the world considers important, which in turn is "abomination in the sight of God." As we live out our lives, **let us covenant with God that we will consider "an abomination" the values of the world, replacing them with that which God considers of value, remembering the axiom of Scripture: we steward the temporal and give our lives in exchange for the eternal.**