

**New Song Community Church**  
**Sunday, January 12, 2020**  
**“With God All Things Are Possible”**

As we continue our discovery about mammon and its effect on us as believers, I believe it would be good for us to take a personal inventory of the impact that it has had or still has on our money and its designated use. Each of the following exercises will help you establish a spiritually healthy use of the money which the Lord has entrusted us with.

**Exercise #1**

Determine what you believe is your most valuable tangible possession and answer the following questions about it

1. If this item were lost or stolen what would be the impact on my well-being?
2. Would I assign resources to replace it or be able to get along without it?
3. What would be the spiritual impact of this loss be on me?

**Exercise #2**

What is the criteria you use to determine the value of the things you treasure?

1. Do the things I treasure have sentimental value?
2. Do the things I treasure have monetary value that gives me significance and prestige and a sense of uniqueness?
3. Treasure to me is not the item itself but rather the memories and relationship I have/had with the person who gave it to me.

### **Exercise #3**

Have you given thought or anticipation to things that you will receive as an inheritance in the future?

1. Do you believe that you are entitled to an inheritance from the estate of someone with whom you have family relationship?
2. To what degree are you willing to pursue your rights to receive what you believe is your inheritance?
3. Would you be willing to give your inheritance away if the Holy Spirit told you to?

### **Exercise #4**

When Jesus talks about the narrow gate being an obstacle for those who are rich how does that affect you?

1. If you were to receive a large sum of money that was unexpected how do you believe you would respond to it?
2. Would your capacity to love people increase or decrease with a sudden windfall of cash?
3. Would tithing off your riches be a joy or a burden?

### **Exercise #5**

Have you noticed the “spirit of mammon” trying to manipulate you away from generosity toward things that will build the kingdom of God?

1. Do you make it matter of prayer asking God what you should give in an offering beyond your tithes?
2. Do you struggle with trusting the Lord with the money that He has given you to be His steward?
3. Have you prayed for deliverance from the fear of not having enough to meet your needs?

For each of the above exercises please take the time to look up scriptures to support the principles they represent. If you are able to finish them all, great. However, the goal is not to finish the assignment but rather to establish the principles the Lord would like you to learn to deal with the spirit of mammon.