

# BREAK

# ING THE RULES

PERMISSION TO LIVE FREELY

## Part 2: Breaking The Spirit Of Mammon

### Big Idea

The world is trying to teach the next generation about how to handle finances and it is not working. Jesus mentions the word “mammon” three different times in scripture, and emphasizes that it is absolutely impossible for anyone to serve both God and mammon. Therefore, if we desire to serve God, we must recognize what “mammon” is, and the ways it attempts to invade our thinking and living in this world.

"No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

Luke 16:13

### Discussion Questions

- Mammon is not simply “money”, but is rather, a “spirit” that tries to replace God. In what ways does the “new norm” in our society encourage (or pressure) us to serve the spirit of “riches”? How can you guard your heart to assure you remain focused on God as your provider?
- How would your life be different if the devourer (the devil/enemy) was “rebuked” from your life by the Lord? What would need to change in your thinking, and in your heart for that to happen?
- Tithing is mentioned eight times in the New Testament. Why is the word “giving” never associated with the tithe (tenth) in scripture? What is the difference between “giving” and “bringing” our tithe?

### Next Steps

- The Provision Gospel is the good news that God desires to bless us so that we can, in turn, bless others. Make a decision that you will find a way to use your resources to bless someone else (people are the true riches of this life) every day this week.
- “Mammon talks!” Identify the ways that the enemy becomes “loud with lies” to attempt to get you to serve the riches of this world, and meet those lies with the truth of God’s Word.

### Prayer Focus

Pray for the wisdom to know how to honor God with the “little things” we now possess so that we can be entrusted with “true riches” (greater things).

### Leader Tips

Enlist someone from the group to share a personal story about God’s supernatural provision for them.