

# Care Group Questions

“The Two Heart Masters”

Text: Matthew 6:24

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2. In Matthew 6, Jesus gives three warnings to believers as they walk through life with their Father. Verses 19-24 are the second warning, what is that warning about? Have you seen someone who has not heeded that warning and “lost their cup”?
3. A slave can’t serve two lords for at least two reasons: 1/ the master owns all of the slave so he has no opportunity, no time to serve another and 2/ \_\_\_\_\_ (something about the way our hearts function). What is the truth about why our hearts won’t allow more than one master?
4. Ultimately, our actions will display our real master. How does the story of Judas illustrate that (whom did he seem to obey, whom did he eventually reveal himself to serve)?
5. According to Jesus, who are the two “heart masters” of this planet?
6. How does the beginning of this warning, Jesus’ command about storing up treasure, tie to the last of the warning, serving God or mammon? (Can you explain the “flow” or process of this warning?)
7. True or false (using the teaching of Jesus in these verses): “If someone is serving mammon, he will know that he is.” Explain your answer.
8. Did you take the “self test” at the end of the sermon? Jesus warns us that attraction to the world’s stuff affects heart, mind and will. How might we test each to see if the world “has them”?
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I. Slaves can obey only one Lord  
Rev 17:3-6, Luke 9:25  
II Peter 2:19, I Cor 9:19,  
Matt 20:8

A. A slave's master owns all  
of him  
Ex 21:20-21,  
Lev 25:44-46,  
Luke 17:7-10, Phil 2:6-7,  
I Cor 6:19-20, Rom 12:1,  
Rom 6:11ff

B. Nothing is "left over" for  
another master

II. Human hearts have only one throne

A. Hearts can love only  
one master  
II Sam 15:1-6,  
II Sam 15:13-14

B. Our actions will display our  
affections for our real master  
II Sam 16:15-20

III. We can serve only one :  
God or mammon

A. There are two heart  
owners : God and mammon  
II John 2:15, Gal 5:19,  
I Peter 5:8, Gal 5:16-17,  
I John 3:8, James 4:4

B. We will serve the one whose  
treasure fills our hearts  
Num 22-24,  
II Peter 2:14-17