

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

This is Our Time, Conquering Love, Every Praise, Jesus, Dominion

WELCOME

My Master. Who is the master of your life? What makes you say so?

WORD

MATTHEW 6:22-24

²²“The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.” ²³“But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!” ²⁴“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

WHO IS OUR MASTER?

All of us are serving a master, this is a reality. Whatever controls us is our master and lord.

When something other than God becomes our master, it becomes an idol for us, things that we will always want more of. In his book “Counterfeit Gods”, Tim Keller reminds us that what we call as “psychological problems” like perfectionism, workaholism, or chronic indecisiveness are actually issues of idolatry.

We can easily say that Jesus is our Lord, but when we look closely into our lives, there may be idols that dominate us. Our master should be who we daydream about and to whom we devote our money.

WHO ARE WE TRULY SERVING?

The Bible tells us that the eye is the lamp of the body. A good eye is full of light making our sight clear and helps keep our bodies protected from harm. But a bad eye has darkness and it puts our whole body in danger because we cannot see clearly. Jesus tells us further in the story of the laborers in the vineyard that a bad eye is envious of the generosity of the good God (**Matthew 20:15**). This occurs when we serve money more than God.

How does a clear eye and a bad eye see treasures according to **Matthew 6:22-24; 20:1-15**?

CLEAR EYE	BAD EYE
Treasures in heaven	Treasures on earth
Heart in heaven	Heart on earth
Serves God	Serves wealth
Generous	Stingy

CLEAR EYE	BAD EYE
Rejoicing	Envious
Gracious	Rude
Body full of light	Body full of darkness

The condition of our eyes tells us whom we are truly serving. We naturally hold on to the things that we serve more. Jesus tells us that we cannot serve two masters, we will love one more and love the other less. We cannot serve God and wealth.

Money can be dangerous because it has a power to counterfeit the attributes of God. If we have money we can buy things we want, eat the food we like, travel to places we dream of, get an education, buy a car, get a security, and even breed an identity. From the world’s perspective, if we have money, we will be happy and satisfied. However, if we are not watchful, money can easily take the place of God in our lives. We should not trick ourselves, rather we should learn from the mistake of King Saul (**1 Samuel 13:11-14; 15:12, 24**).

HOW CAN WE SERVE GOD?

We can truly serve God in our home, in our community, in the workplace and in the church.

Serve God in the Home (Philippians 4:4; 2:3). The Bible tells us to be joyful. Whenever you get tired and frustrated attending to your family needs, you need to remind yourself of rejoicing in the Lord and being thankful in all circumstances. In the family, men are balancing the demands of their family, work, ministry, and many other things. They should learn to focus on what God wants them to do. They cannot

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be all for all. In the home, women are the thermostat who set the temperature of the family. You know everybody is happy when women are happy.

Serve God in the Community (1 Peter 4:8-9). We can be very stingy with our neighbors but if we are generous with our time and resources for them, we can make a difference and be a lighthouse that will draw them to God. Try inviting your neighbors, with the children and elderly parents, in the home for a time of get together and Bible fellowship. Keep in mind that what you love more will take your time, what you love less can easily be taken for granted.

Serve God in the Workplace (Colossians 3:23-24). If it is God whom you are truly serving, you should model excellence, punctuality, competence and integrity at work. Your boss and co-employees will see

in you the light of Christ because of your motivation. Employers who are followers of Christ should reflect the glory of God, helping to make the world a better place and spreading the gospel to employees who are within their immediate sphere of influence.

Serve God in the Church (1 Peter 4:10-11). Get to know the people around you every Sunday and ask them how you can pray for them. Volunteer to serve in the church using your gifts. You will not know your gifts unless you serve. You may also serve as discipleship leaders and make time to make disciples who will make disciples.

God, having given us everything, will He not truly want the best for us? Will He not take care of us? Why then should we not make Him the Master of our lives?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

1. **Eye Check.** What happens if you have a clear eye or a bad eye according to **Matthew 6:22-23**?
2. **He Rules.** Does your life reflect God as your Master? What indicators make you say so?
3. **I Serve.** In what specific ways can you serve God as Master at home, in your community, in the workplace and in the church?

WORKS

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Answer this questionnaire for yourself to know who your master is. Take some time to talk to God and reflect on it. Pray to use any one of the questions to share the gospel to a loved one or a friend. Help guide them in making Jesus as the Master and Lord of their life.

1. *What do your thoughts effortlessly go to when there is nothing else demanding your attention? What do you enjoy daydreaming about?*
2. *Look at your most uncontrollable emotion. "Is there something here too important to me, something I must have at all cost?"*
3. *How do you spend your money?*
4. *What are you really living for, what is your real god? How do you respond to unanswered prayers and frustrated hopes?*

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends