

Two Masters

Matthew 6:24

1. To whom do you belong?

a. You either belong to _____,

b. Or you belong to _____.

2. How will you know?

a. You will _____ your true master and _____ the other.

b. You will _____ yourself to your true master and _____ the other.

3. How can you change masters?

a. You must _____ to.

b. You must _____.

c. You must keep _____.

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Invictus by William Ernest Henley

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.

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Re-defined Standards

“Lazy” might mean uninspired, lonely or deeply misunderstood.

“Selfish” speaks of unmet core needs and a shaky sense of self-worth.

But Jesus says...

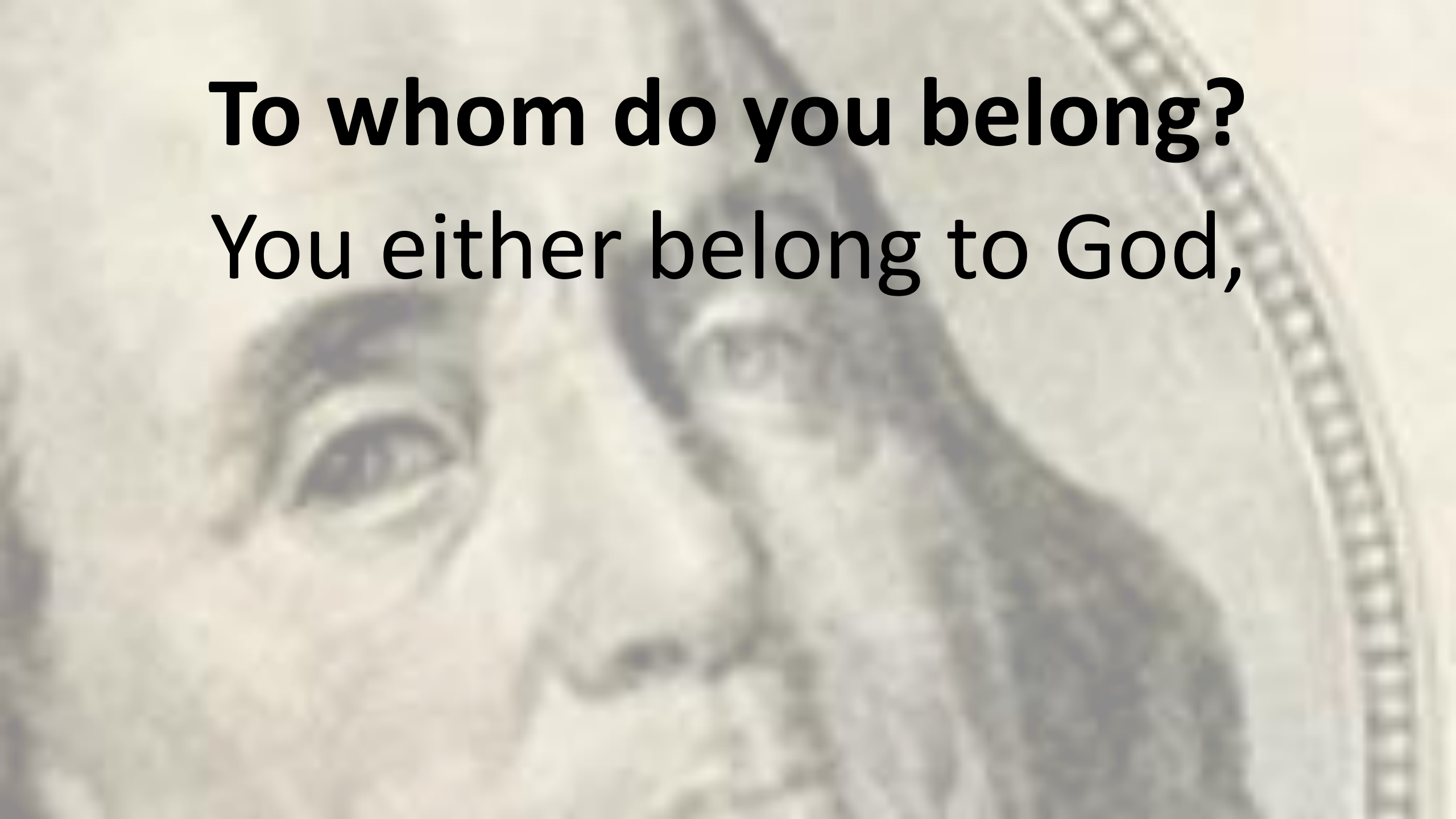
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**Literally this says,
“No one can be the slave of two lords.”**

Implication?

You belong to someone else!



To whom do you belong?
You either belong to God,

Psalm 119:94

“I am Yours, save me!”

Job 33:6

Behold, **I belong to God** like you;
I too have been formed out of the clay.

John 1:12

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Romans 14:7-8

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To whom do you belong?

You either belong to God,

Or you belong to Satan.

John 8:44

You are of your father the devil,
and you want to do the desires of your father.



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Acts 26:17-18

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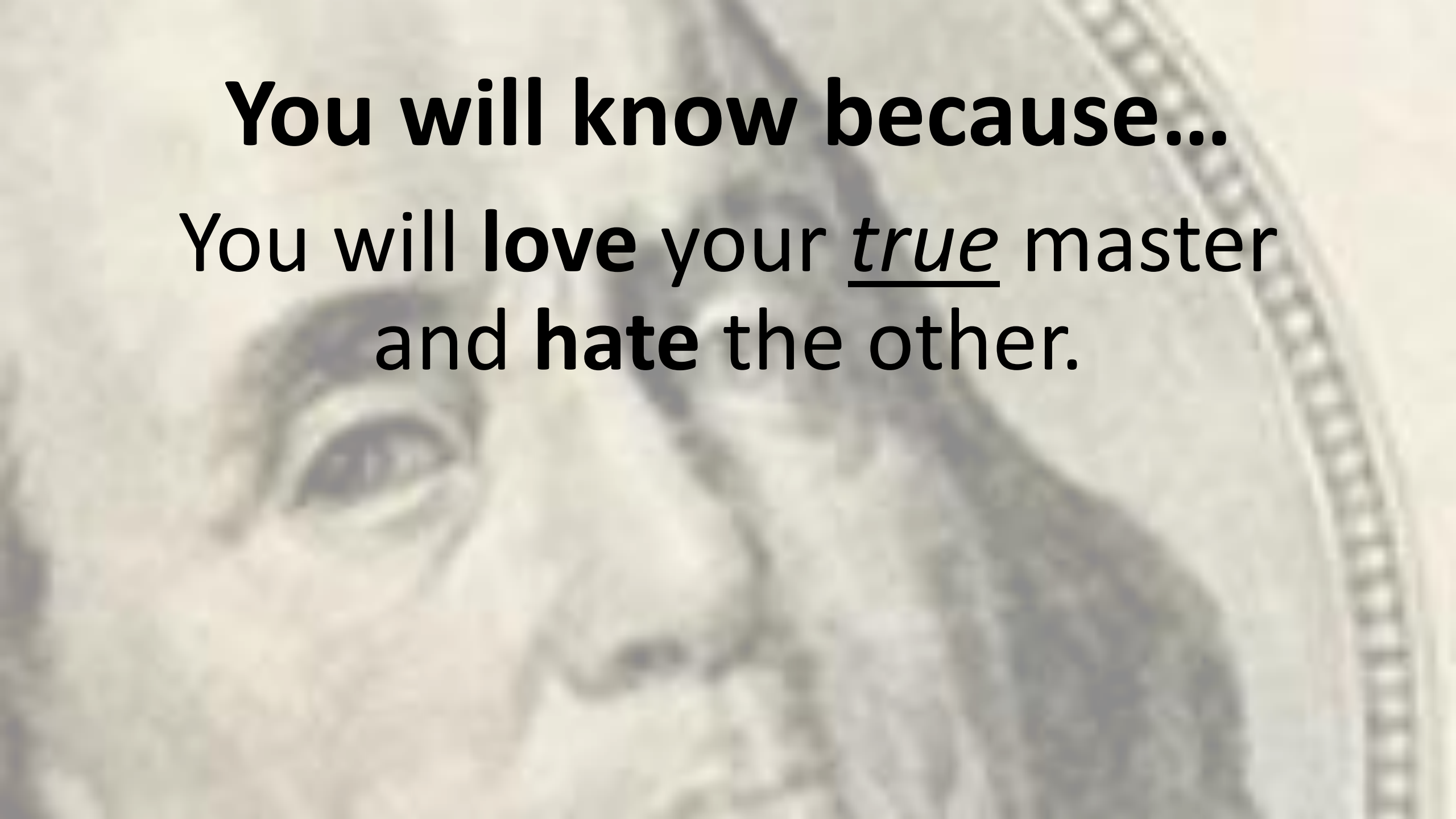
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Jesus says that there
are two masters...

...and you're not one of them!

A hand is shown holding a large fan of US one hundred dollar bills, fanned out from the bottom left towards the top right. The bills are light green and white, with the portrait of Benjamin Franklin visible on the top bill. The text "ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS" and the number "100" are clearly visible on the bills. The background is plain white.

How will you know?



You will know because...
You will love your true master
and hate the other.

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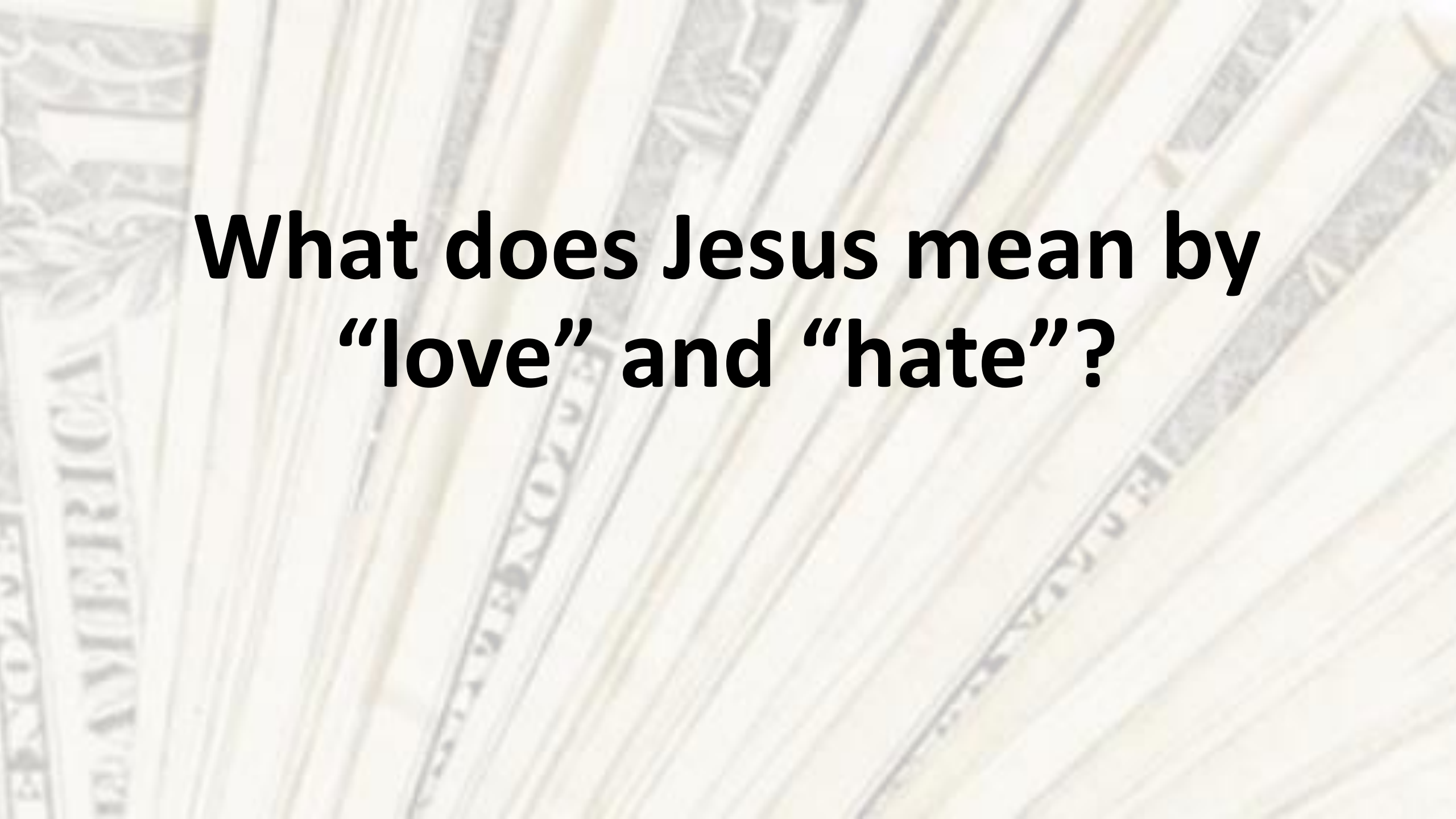
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**What does Jesus mean by
“love” and “hate”?**

Luke 14:26

If anyone comes to Me, and does not **hate** his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

Matthew 10:37

He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

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If you love Christ **more**, you will be willing to forsake your precious things for Him.

But if you love your precious things **more**, you will become angry or sullen if He asks you to forsake them or to give them back.

You will know because...

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You will **devote** yourself to your *true* master and **despise** the other.

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**To devote yourself to
someone is to give yourself to
that person for service.**



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**To despise a master is to
dismiss his authority
with contempt.**

1 Timothy 4:11-12

Prescribe and teach these things.
Let no **despise** your youthfulness...

If you are devoted to Christ as your master,
you will gladly obey Him no matter the cost.

But if you are devoted to your precious things,
you will disobey Christ to keep them.

So what can we say?

Your actions will betray your idols.

Your attitudes will betray your idols.

Your emotions will betray your idols.

The background of the image consists of several US dollar bills, including a \$100 bill, a \$20 bill, and a \$5 bill, all oriented vertically and slightly blurred. The bills are arranged in a way that they appear to be falling or floating, creating a sense of motion and depth. The colors are muted, with a focus on the green and yellow tones of the currency.

Question:

**What or whom, if taken from you,
would ruin your life?**

A hand is shown holding a large stack of US one hundred dollar bills, fanned out. The bills are held together by a thumb, and the rest of the stack is held by the other fingers. The bills are slightly overlapping, showing the portrait of Benjamin Franklin and the number '100'. The text 'ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS' is visible on the bills. The background is plain white.

**How can you
change masters?**

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a US dollar bill. The focus is on the portrait of George Washington, showing his eye and part of his face. The text "You must want to." is overlaid in the center in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The background shows the intricate patterns and colors of the currency, including a portion of the circular seal on the right side.

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You must want to.

You **must** choose.



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You must want to.

You must choose.

You must **keep** choosing.

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a US quarter coin. The coin is light-colored with a greenish tint. The number '25' and the letter 'C' are visible in the lower portion of the image. The background is a light, textured surface.

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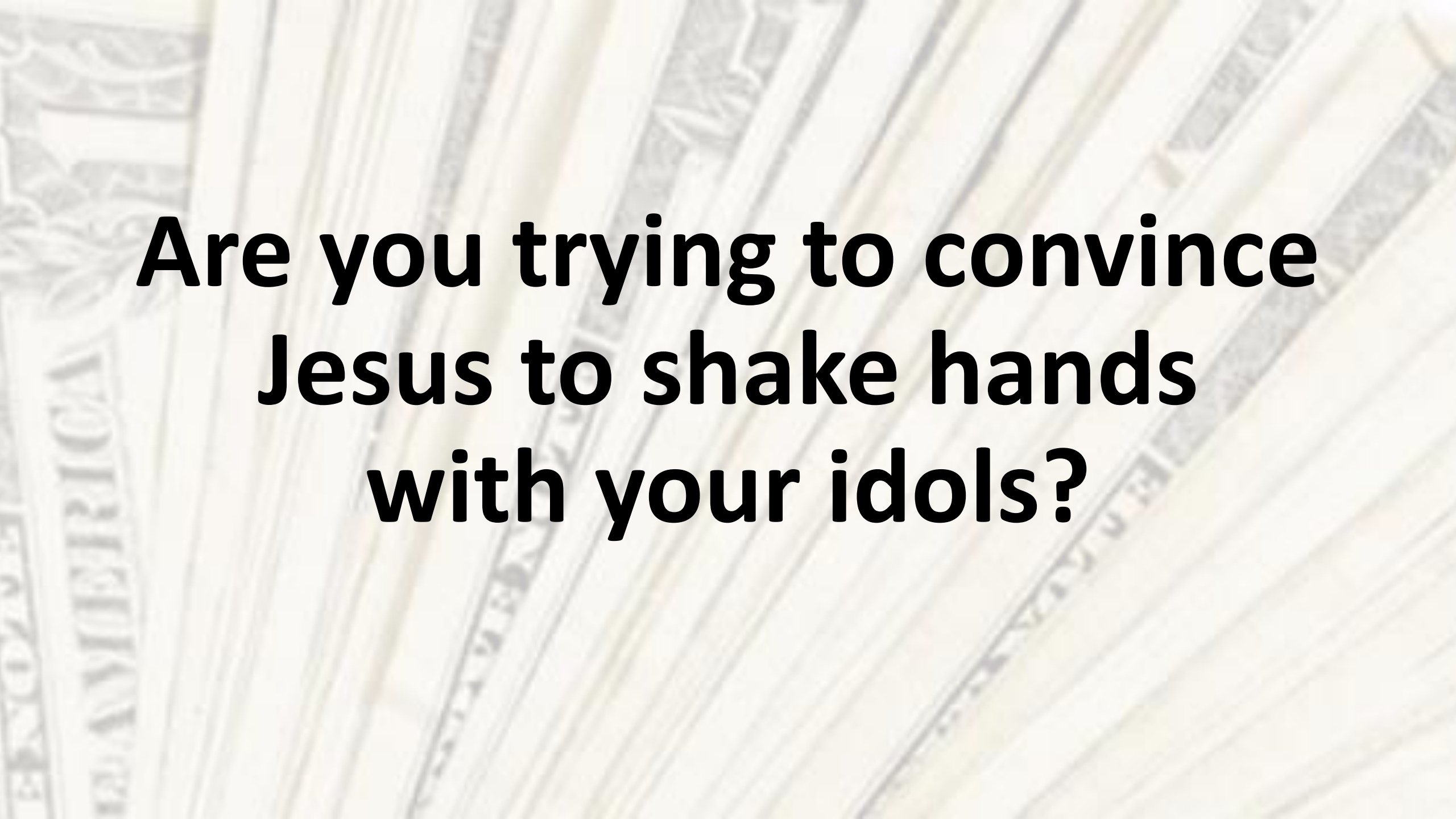
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James 4:4

You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

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**Are you trying to convince
Jesus to shake hands
with your idols?**