

Mid-week Stewardship Thought

Serving God not Mammon

In the *Book of Concord*, Martin Luther answers the question, “What is it to have a god?” He wrote, “A god is that to which we look for all good and in which we find refuge in every time of need.” He goes on to say, “Many a person thinks he has God and everything he needs when he has money and prosperity; in them he trusts and of them he boasts so stubbornly and securely that he cares for no one. Surely such a man also has a god—mammon by name, that is, money and possessions—on which he fixes his whole heart. It is the most common idol on earth...”

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God’s first commandment tells us that we shall have no others gods. To honor this commandment, we are to commit our whole heart and to place our entire confidence in Him alone. God wants us to cling to Him and to depend on Him. The Pharisee questioned Jesus about what is the great commandment in the Law. Jesus said, “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind*” (Matthew 22:37). With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can place our faith and trust in the Lord.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, grant me the strength that I need to withstand the temptations to place my trust and security in money. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

Blessings on your journey as a steward!