

Chapter 8: Applying Yourself

Ask the following questions of yourself and give thoughtful attention to the answers. Reflect on them honestly in prayer, and if there are areas revealed in your prayer time that illustrate such a need, then make an appointment with your pastor or another spiritually mature believer for confession. Prayerfully repent and pledge your partnership to the Holy Spirit for a lifetime of purpose ahead.

1. Do you see living righteously as a “reason” for God to reward you? How do you respond if the proper “reward” is not realized, in your estimation?
2. Have you ever considered the notion that the manner in which you treat money is in fact a vital test of the condition of your spiritual heart? How does this assertion impact you now as you consider it?
3. Are there items in your possession now that you would be unwilling to part with, should that sacrifice be requested or required? If so, what should be your approach or plan to deal with them?
4. Are there items that you *plan to acquire* that, if you did, would create an unwillingness to part with them? If so, what should your approach be to those plans now that you recognize this fact?
5. If anxiety exists in your mind in significant ways regarding your financial ambitions, how does this reflect on your faith? Is your faith in God truly greater than your faith in financial security?
6. Matthew 6:24 states that you can not serve two masters; that is both God and Money. According to your answers above and on further reflection, which is your master?