

Me & Mine Series
Fully Follow
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Opening

-Pastor David work anniversary...5 years (Genesis 27:9)

-(FB post read and prayer)

Introduction

-new series...

-Why do we use the phrase “A Jesus follower” to talk about being a Christian?

- Matthew 4:19
- Matthew 16:24
- John 10:27

-The clear expectation here is “fully follow!” (no compartmentalization)

- Does your work ethic follow Jesus?
- Does your attitude follow Jesus?
- Does your sexuality follow Jesus? (rise to the excellence of JC)
- Does your marriage follow Jesus?
- Does your parenting follow Jesus?
- Does your money follow Jesus?

-Towards the beginning of every year, I like to teach on money and finances...

-Following Jesus has never been just about the acceptance of something true. Following Jesus has always been about the submission of all of me to all of Him...it's time for us to say to parts of ourselves, catch up!

(especially your money)

Me & Mine

-If the parts of you that are lagging behind do not catch up, eventually they will convince more of you to lag behind and eventually move in the wrong direction. I believe this is why money sin is so dangerous. We tolerate it's lack of pace in following Jesus and fail to realize how contagious (takes root and spreads) its rebellion can be.

-So why do parts of us lag behind? Why do parts of us resist submission to all of Him? I believe the answer is simply found in the sentiment **"me & mine."**

-Revelation 17:3-6

>Babylon is the archetypal head of all entrenched worldly resistance to God (sovereignty), the total culture of the world apart from God. (Me & Mine)

>The Prostitute is the people of the world who are collectively drunk on all things that oppose God and His will. The Prostitute is the personification of the collective "Me & Mine" of all people. (antithesis of Jesus' message of die to self)

>The Kings are political leaders who promise to give "the people" whatever they want (their Me & Mine desires) in exchange for political power. The Prostitute (the people of the world) acquiesces because the desire of Me & Mine feels irresistible.

>The Beast is Satan. (the three ultimately despise one another because "self" ultimately sees everyone else as an enemy!)

>**The Seven Hills/Mountains** are the domains of influence in the world where The Kings seek exercise their power but depend on The Prostitute's collective permission: Religion, Family, Education, Government, Media, Arts, and Business.

>Isaiah 2:2 (which mountain is your main mountain!!!! AND explain why Christian Nationalism brings Jesus' mountain down to a lesser hill)

-Every time you tolerate a part of you falling behind, you are taking a sip from the cup of Me & Mine, the intoxicating pleasures of self-indulgence!

Your Money

-So let me ask you plainly, does your money follow Jesus fully? (giving Jesus a flat!)

-Revelation 19:5 (three questions to ask to know if our money follows Jesus)

- Does your money praise Jesus?
- Does your money serve Jesus?
- Does your money fear Jesus?

Does your money praise Jesus?

-2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (cheerful giver)

-Psalm 122:1-4

>Notice that last verse “as the law requires” because that wasn’t just referring to the act of going, or just the act of singing, or just the act of praying...it is also referring to the act of worship through giving!

-Mark 12:41-44

>This story is given to us to remind us it isn’t about the amount we give. We can give much relative to others but still fall well short of the standard of praise!

-Psalm 66:1-4

-Psalm 150 (does your giving look like this?)

-So let me ask you plainly...does your money follow Jesus fully?

Does your money serve Jesus?

-Luke 17:7-10

-This is important because when we give to the church we call home, to missionaries we support, and organizations we trust...we cannot think of ourselves as having done something exceptional!

-Psalm 24:1-3

-Matthew 21:33-46 (parable of evil farmers)

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Does your money fear Jesus?

-Proverbs 9:10

-Acts 5:1-11 (from Bible)

-You see, this idea of praise, serve, and fear build on each other. One of the ways I ensure that my money is following Jesus is to serve Him with my money as I give worshipfully to Him fearing how depraved my soul will eventually become if I allow my money to lag behind, dangerously sipping from the intoxicating cup of Me & Mine with The Prostitute who sits on The Beast in service of The Kings who seek influence through The Mountains.

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Band (prostitute and beast slide)

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-choose a side people...

Close

-Joshua 24:14-15