



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **Luke 16: 9-15**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth,  
so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

The person who is trustworthy in very small matters  
is also trustworthy in great ones;

and the person who is dishonest in very small matters  
is also dishonest in great ones.

If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth,  
who will trust you with true wealth?

If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another,  
who will give you what is yours?

No servant can serve two masters.

He will either hate one and love the other,  
or be devoted to one and despise the other.

You cannot serve God and mammon."

The Pharisees, who loved money,  
heard all these things and sneered at him.

And he said to them,

"You justify yourselves in the sight of others,  
but God knows your hearts;

for what is of human esteem is an abomination in the sight of God."

# **Our Scripture Reflection**

By "dishonest wealth" Our Lord is not referring to stolen money or money obtained through illegal means. "Mamona tes adikias" (translated as dishonest wealth) refers to the valuables of this world. Jesus is saying that we must use "the currency of the world" as a means to build a home in Heaven. And how do we do such a thing? We do so when we use our money to help the poor, the sick, in other words, the least in His Kingdom. Jesus tells us we cannot serve two kings, God and money. We can, however, use our money to serve the One, True King.

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## **Food for your Journey**

In an interview with England's Daily Telegraph (August 14, 1986), Omar Sharif reminisced about playing cards with Egyptian ruler, King Farouk. "King Farouk had an unbeatable way with cards and no one ever won against him because he would put his cards down and say, 'I have won. I have better cards.' He was once in a game of poker and an opponent had the effrontery to declare that he had three queens. Farouk retorted that he had three kings, and when someone turned up the cards to reveal only two kings, Farouk snarled, 'I am the third.'"

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, You showered upon me many precious gifts, especially time, talent and faith. Help me, Lord, to use these gifts along with my worldly possessions to do Your good work while I am here on earth. May I be found worthy one day to spend eternity with You. Amen.