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UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

Sept. 30 Dylan Atkins to speak

SUNDAY PM

Sept. 30 Is one church as good as another? (#385)

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

September 30, 2012

To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Phyllis Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Jean Reeder, Cheryll Akers, Kathy Briggs, Betty Jo's aunt, Erin's father, Robert Van Alstine, Jo Matheny, Jimmy Mortimore, John Mortimore, Jim Loper, Jewel Warfield, Ed Warfield, Bill Arnold, Marilyn Smith, Bill Richard's father, Charles' mother

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: **PM:** Acts 2:46,47

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Oct. 21 – Potluck, Business meeting, Soldier's packages
Oct. 28 – Singing at 5 p.m.

NO MAN CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS

Charles Coats

All who read this are probably familiar with the statement that is the title of this article. One place it is found is Lk. 16:13 where Jesus helped the Jews understand that one cannot hold to the world and to God.

Like so many who claimed to be the servants of God, the Jews had gone the way of the world and thought they could be godly and worldly at the same time. Jesus clearly points out that to try to do so places us in the position of making a choice of one over the other.

What most people do not seem to realize is that when a child of God starts having to make the choice between God and the world, the world usually wins. It is rare that people turn back to God. The world is just too

alluring. To worship and serve God requires work. To live a life of worldliness is easy and places no responsibility on us. The world makes it easy to be lost, even convincing us that we are not lost even though we have rejected God.

When the Jews chastised Jesus over this statement, he went right to the problem. In Lk. 16:15, Jesus told them they were those who sought to justify themselves. They measured themselves by what man taught and not by what God taught. The word of God was not important to them. Paul worded it this way in 2 Cor. 10:12: *"...but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."*

Again, in Lk. 16:15, Jesus teaches us that those things which the world thinks are great or important, God considers an abomination. Sadly, too many Christians today are just like the Jews of the 1st Century and are being overtaken by the world (if they have not already been overtaken). And, like the Jews, they do not recognize that they have forsaken God and have become an abomination to God.

We need to examine ourselves and look deeply at our lives. What is that by which we measure ourselves – the things of the world or the things of God? We must be careful here, for to not see ourselves for what we really are will lead to our eternal damnation!

Who are you serving in your life?

The song of the worldly

*"Hush little luxury, don't you cry.
You'll be a necessity, by and by."*