

# Reflection

*First Thing You Know...*



MATTHEW 6:24

*"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." (NIV)*

In *The Beverly Hillbillies*, when Jed shot the ground and struck oil, he was aiming at a gopher.

*Generosity shows respect for God. When we are generous—especially to those who would do us harm—we demonstrate that our devotion to his will outweighs our commitment to ourselves (Lk 6:35). For security, we should place our trust in God, rather than possessions. Between heavenly rewards and earthly belongings, our loyalty should be to that which is eternal. After all, God gave us the resources we have—we simply must manage them well (Lk 12:42-44).*



Like Jed, have you been a good overseer of God-given gifts?

Give an example.

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Like Mr. Johnson, have you let greed control your actions?

Give an example.

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