



Liturgy Cycle C

# Twenty-Fifth Sunday Of The Year

## Choosing Between God And Money

### **Introduction**

There is no doubt but that the so-called 'good life' (money, comfort, success, pleasure) exercises an enormous pull on us all. We want to serve God but we do not want our service of him to interfere with our habits, our impulses, our way of life. Today's Gospel tells us that we cannot serve God and money at the same time. Let us examine ourselves for a moment to see where our loyalties lie.

### **First Reading (Amos 8:4-7)**

Amos was a great champion of social justice. In this short reading he depicts the 'religious' employers waiting impatiently for the sabbath to end so that they can get on with their lucrative but dishonest trading.

### **Second Reading (1 Tim 2:1-8)**

Paul urges Christians to pray for everyone, especially those who hold public office, because God wants everyone to be saved.

### **Gospel (Luke 16:1-13)**

This contains the parable of the astute steward who used his ill-gotten money to gain admittance into people's homes. Christ says we can learn something from him.

### **Prayer Of The Faithful**

As children of the light let us pray that we may be as resourceful and dedicated in our pursuit of goodness as the children of darkness are in the pursuit of evil.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

For Christians: that God and his Kingdom may have first place in their lives. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

For all those in positions of responsibility: that they may not use their position for their own selfish advantage but for the good of all those under them. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

For all those who have made a god out of money and who neither seek nor desire anything beyond the pleasures of this world. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.



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**That we may always treat others the way we would like them to treat us.  
Lord, hear us.**

**R: Lord, graciously hear us.**

### **Communion Reflection**

**A man who had lived a life of selfish luxury  
died and went up to heaven.  
An angel was sent to show him to his house.  
They passed many lovely mansions,  
and each time the rich man thought:  
This must be mine.'  
But not so.  
They passed through the main street  
and arrived at the outskirts  
where the houses were very small.  
Finally they came to a miserable hut.  
'This is yours,' said the angel.  
'This is my house? There must be a mistake,'  
the rich man exclaimed.  
'No,' the angel answered,  
'there is no mistake'.  
This was the best we could do  
with the materials you sent up.**