

I believe in God, but I trust in money

PRACTICAL ATHEIST: someone who believes in God, but lives as if He doesn't exist.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
Luke 12:34

We trust money to provide _____ & _____

Money will be the _____ for our hearts

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." 1 Timothy 6:10

TWO RICH MEN ENCOUNTER JESUS

"Jesus said to him, 'If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.' But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions." Matthew 19:21-22

"Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.'" Luke 19:8

One rich man didn't want to let go of _____, so he lost _____. The other rich man didn't want to let go of _____, so he lost his _____

"No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [MONEY]." Luke 16:13

WHEN YOU HOLD ON TO JESUS

1) You become _____

"Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy." 1 Timothy 6:17

2) You become irrationally _____ because you recognize that you can use _____ money to make _____ investments

"Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." 1 Timothy 6:18-19

"And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? Offer it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you favorably?" says the LORD of hosts." Malachi 1:8

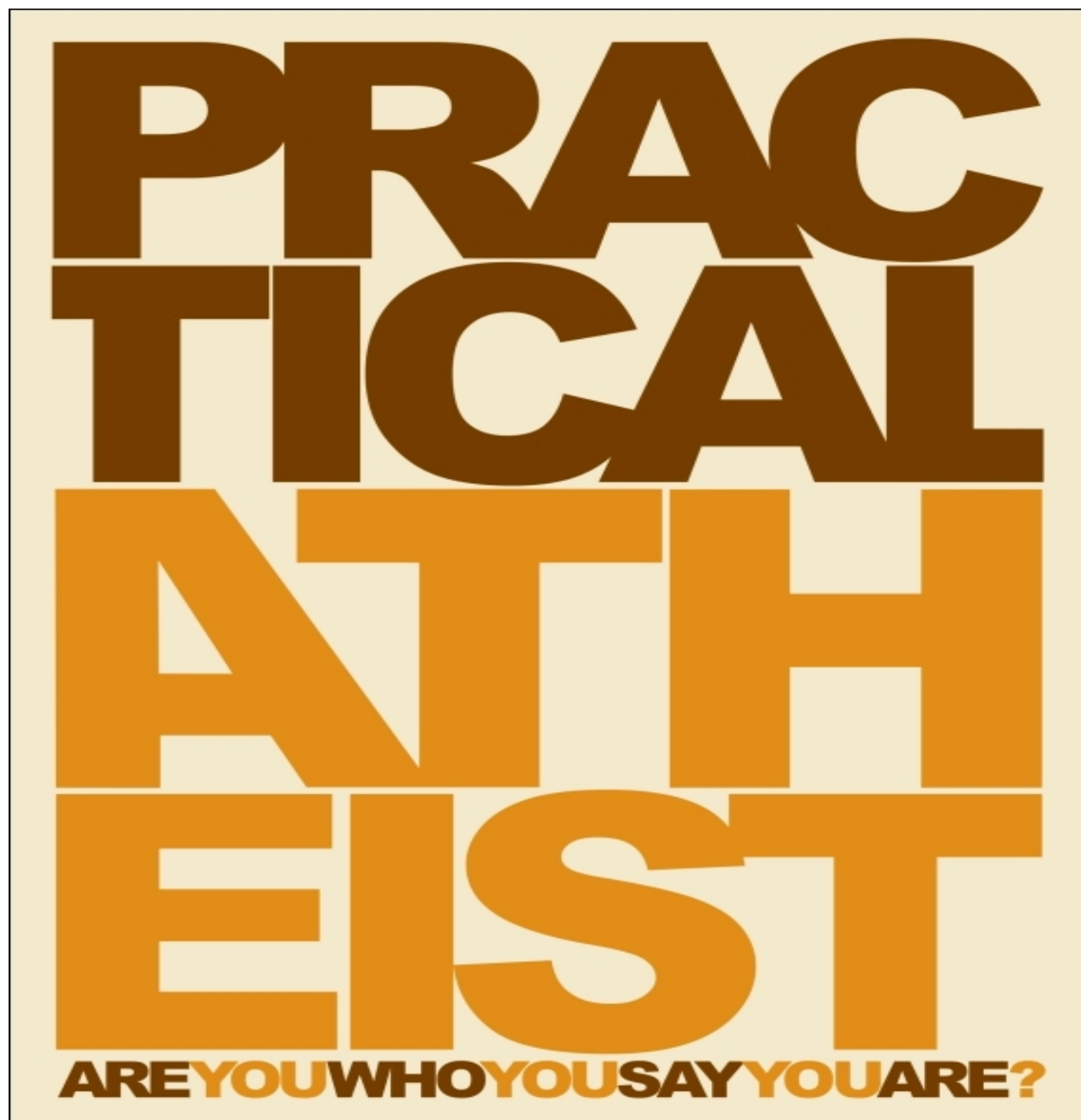
"No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing." 2 Samuel 24:24

"He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?" Luke 16:10-11

Are you ready for the true riches?

Personal Meditation Questions

- 1) Practical atheists tend to trust money to provide happiness and/or security. Which is true for you and why?
- 2) When you grow closer to Christ, you become strangely content with what you have. As you drift from Christ, you become less content. Are you more or less content today than last year? 2 years ago? 5 years ago? What does this say about your relationship with Christ?
- 3) Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive. Describe a time you gave sacrificially and how it blessed you as the giver. How can you give even more sacrificially?



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