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Topic: Selling out the Ministry?

Scripture text: 2 Kings 5:20-27

1. We cannot serve two masters (Matt 6:24). It is either God or the world. For Gehazi, his love of money resulted in him selling out the ministry. Money is not evil but the love of money is (1 Tim 6:10). The things of the world, whether money or other possessions can easily tempt us. This is especially so in a materialistic and prosperous country like Singapore. We must be careful not to love money.
2. Gehazi was determined to sell out the ministry for money. His focus was not on the witness of God but on enriching himself. He was Elisha's servant, similar to how Elisha was Elijah's servant. However, his heart was not right. It is a warning for us to guard our hearts so that we do not become slaves to money.
3. Gehazi was deceptive in selling out the ministry. He pursued after Naaman and even used his master, Elisha's name. He painted a picture of necessity and not greed to take the silver and garments. It was all done in hypocrisy and secrecy. By doing so, he tarnished the name of God. The testimony of God was corrupted. As a result, the judgement of Gehazi was severe. We must be faithful in the service that God has entrusted us with. We must not diminish the testimony of God or choose the things of this world over God. There will be dire consequences.