

The image features a dark, warm-toned background filled with soft, out-of-focus golden light spots, creating a bokeh effect. In the center, the text "Gods AT War" is written in a black, stylized, handwritten font. The word "Gods" is on the top line, "AT" is in a smaller font size between "Gods" and "War", and "War" is on the bottom line. Surrounding the text is a circular arrangement of zodiac symbols, including a star, a crescent moon, a cross, a circle with a cross, a circle with a triangle, a circle with a square, a circle with a circle, a circle with a circle, a circle with a circle, a circle with a circle, a circle with a circle, and a circle with a circle.

Gods  
AT  
War

# gods of Success

Luke 18



**He was a man who had**

*Accomplished*

*Achieved, Accumulated*

*And he was  
worshiping these  
gods of success*



# Luke 18:18

*A certain ruler  
asked him,  
“Good teacher,  
what must I do to  
inherit eternal life?”*

gods  
AT  
WAR

gods  
AT  
WAR

gods  
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gods  
AT  
WAR

# Worshiping the False god

gods  
AT  
WAR

*He says what must  
I do to inherit eternal life?*

gods  
AT  
WAR

*Greek word for inherit  
could also be translated  
“acquire” or “earn”*

gods  
AT  
WAR

*Sees eternal life as a  
measure of personal success*

gods  
AT  
WAR

*We are often drawn to  
the gods of success  
because these gods  
allow us to sit on  
throne of  
our own lives.*



*It's about what*

*WE*

*accomplish and what*

*WE*

*achieve.*



**"Why do you call me good?"  
Jesus answered.**

**"No one is good—except  
God alone. You know the  
commandments: 'Do not commit  
adultery, do not murder, do  
not steal, do not give false  
testimony, honor your father  
and mother.'" "All these  
I have kept since I was  
a boy," he said.**

gods  
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# gods of Success

*Ironically he was  
putting his hope  
in his religion*

*His religious rule  
keep had become  
his god*

gods  
AT  
WAR

gods  
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# Taking aim at the gods

When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heave. Then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth.

gods  
AT  
WAR

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gods  
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**Is it about Money?**

**Idolatry**



**You Choose**

*Worship*

*Money or Me*

*Both is not  
an option*



# Matthew 6:24

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.



*Why is money so  
often portrayed  
as God's  
primary  
competition?*



*Because we look  
to money to do the  
very things for us  
that God  
wants to do*



# **We Believe the Lies**

*Money will satisfy you*

*Money means that  
you matter*

*Money will make you secure*

*Money will save you*

gods  
AT  
WAR

gods  
AT  
WAR

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gods  
AT  
WAR



# Sad Response

“...he became  
Very sad,  
because he was  
a man of  
great wealth.”



**In what are  
you trusting?**

