

Who is Really in Control of Your Life?

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I. Introduction.

A. Communication is a real problem today.

B. Every one of us will either have a Lord or will be a Lord. The dividing line of true spirituality is who is really in control of our lives.

C. To allow Christ to be Lord takes...

1. Knowing God.

2. Loving God.

a. To know him is to love him.

b. To love him is to love others.

3. Trusting God.

4. Persistence.

D. We need to live in the consciousness of the brevity of life. We need to carefully consider how we are going to invest our lives. (Psalm 90:12; Ephesians 5:15)

II. The meaning of Lordship: master, conqueror, victor, absolute commitment and total surrender.

III. The reasons for Lordship.

A. Jesus should be Lord of our lives because all things were created for him. (John 1:3; Hebrews 1:2)

B. Jesus should be Lord of our lives because he redeemed us. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

C. Jesus should be Lord of our lives because he said he was. (John 13:13; Acts 2:36)

D. Jesus should be Lord of our lives because he is the victor. (Philippians 2:11; Ephesians 1:9-10)

IV. Hindrances to Lordship.

A. A lack of faith and trust. God has our best interests at heart. (Jeremiah 29:11; Ephesians 1:8)

B. The incompleteness of our surrender. (2 Timothy 4:10; 1 John 2:15-16)

C. Laziness.

D. Covetousness.

E. Insincerity. (Acts 5; Ecclesiastes 5:4-5)

F. Inconsistency. (Acts 16:38)

V. Results of refusing Lordship.

A. Broken fellowship with God. (1 John 1:9)

B. Guilt and a lack of enthusiasm.

VI. Results of serving the right master.

A. Joy unspeakable. (Luke 11:36)

B. A satisfactory servanthood. (Romans 14:4)

C. An overwhelming desire to please Jesus. (Galatians 2:20)

D. Daily deliverance from sin. (Romans 5:10)

E. Stability. (Isaiah 43:6;

F. Reflecting him. (Colossians 3:9-10)

G. Zealousy for God.

VII. Conclusion.

Application questions:

1. What does it mean that Jesus is Lord?

2. Which reasons for submitting to the Lordship of Jesus do you think are most compelling?

3. What does the Lordship of Jesus do to our lives?
