

# **The Lordship of Jesus Christ**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Jesus is not only the Lord of the universe—He is the Lord of our lives. (John 15)
- B. God works in our life in order that we might be fruitful.
- C. Texts: Matthew 13, John 12:24.

## II. We are “seeds.”

- A. If you are a child of the king Jesus, you are a seed among other things.
- B. We need to perceive ourselves this way.

## III. Jesus is the farmer.

- A. The key word is available.
- B. The farmer decides where the seed will go.

## IV. The field is the world. We must be available to serve wherever God wants us.

## V. Unless the seed dies, it abides alone. If it dies, it bears much fruit.

- A. Many believers abide alone because they are unwilling to die.
- B. The believer who hates his life will bear fruit.

1. One’s life is the sum total of all his or her activities and relationships. (Luke 14:25-26)

2. We must esteem our life as nothing in comparison to our love for Christ.

- C. We have to be open-handed about our possessions and relationships.
- D. Jesus Christ wants obedience and surrender from us.

## VI. The seed that dies forms deep roots. (Isaiah 37:31, Romans 7:4)

## VII. The rooted seed lives and bears fruit in season. (Psalm 1)

- A. Each seed bears fruit in its own season.

B. It is a mistake to compare fruit with other Christians.

C. Fruitfulness is the result of a relationship with Christ.

**Application questions:**

1. How does the seed illustration help us to see that we are not in control of our ministry?

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2. What does it mean to die to oneself?

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3. To what areas of ministry may God be calling you? Spend some time in prayer and write your reflections below.

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