

The Godly Man as a Disciple *The Christ-Centered Life (Continued)*

The Lordship Of Christ

In Chapter 4 on Lordship we will be suggesting an application taken from a pamphlet called “My Heart, Christ's Home” by Dr. Robert B. Munger. It would be good to have these to pass out as you begin Chapter 4. We suggest you call a Christian bookstore near you and see if they carry this booklet. If not, you may order them from: *InterVarsity Press*.

Questions On the Rim (Obedience to Christ Part 2):

Teacher, let me share with you today a description of Christ as Lord, as given by S. M. Lockridge. (Audio #1206 - “The Lordship of Christ”). Meditate on this prayerfully as you prepare this lesson and I believe your heart will be deeply blessed. I'm sure your men would enjoy it also. (You may wish to play this part from the audio by Mr. Lockridge as the introduction for this lesson on Lordship).

He is the Master of the mighty.

He is the Captain of the conquerors.

He is the Head of the heroes.

He is the Leader of the legislators.

He is the Overseer of the overcomers.

He is the Governor of the governors.

He is the Prince of princes

He is the King of kings and Lord of lords!

He is owner! – Even though He did not have to put His signature on the sunset - He is still owner!

Even though He did not stamp a laundry mark on the meadow - He is still the owner!

Even though He did not have to carve His initials in the side of the mountain - He is the owner!

He did not have to put a brand on the cattle of a thousand hills - but He's the owner!

He did not have to take out a copyright on the songs He gives the birds to sing - but He's the owner!

His Lordship is based on His ownership. He is Lord.

A. Object Of The Lesson

1. To help each one face the fact of Christ's right to be Lord of his life.
2. To respond positively by taking definite action in that direction.

B. Discussion Questions

1. This subject, “The Lordship of Christ”, is one which is known by many different terms in different Christian circles . . . such as: The Spirit-filled life, the exchanged life, consecration, total surrender, rededication, etc. I would encourage you to take time at the beginning of this class to hear the different definitions or explanations of what the men feel is meant by “The Lordship of Christ.” Perhaps together you can then formulate a definition which all of you understand and agree upon.
2. Does Matthew 6:24 give any new insight into the matter to Lordship?

3. What does it mean to live to God's glory? How would you define "glorify"? (To glorify means: to enhance the reputation of. Hence, when we say we are glorifying God or living to God's glory, this means we are enhancing the reputation of God.)

4. What areas of life are included in "Lordship"? (All areas). Let's name as many of these specific areas as we can think of. (e.g. Uncommitted ambitions, loved ones, home, children, future, careers, fears, habits, my "rights", money, talents, and "bosom sins" - little things we think are hidden and unnoticed - like resentment, anger, envy, negative attitude, critical spirit, etc.)

5. What does it mean to deny self? How does this differ from self-denial - (Self-denial means to deny some personal pleasure or desire - e.g. denying yourself a second piece of cake. Denying self is turning your back on, and saying "no" to the old self nature within you and saying "yes" to Christ.

C. SUGGESTIONS FOR CONCLUSION

Remind them of the booklet you asked them to read a couple of weeks ago - "My Heart, Christ's Home". (Have your own copy handy.) Ask them to name the various rooms in this heart home. Then say: "Now as we close today's lesson, I'd like you to draw out the floor plan of your heart. Color your rooms (the ones you control) black, and Christ's rooms (where He is clearly in control) white."

(Give them time to do this.) Then ask: "Is Christ Lord of every room in your heart? Has He revealed some uncommitted area to you which you weren't aware of before? Or perhaps an area which you had once committed to His Lordship but you realize now you have taken back? Will you give Him all the black areas of your life right now? Let's pray."

(Or perhaps you might ask them to write out their own prayer or commitment.)

D. ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

Co. 1:17; Psalm 73:25; Psalm 23; Romans 13:14; Mark 8:36; II Corinthians 5:14,15.

E. POSSIBLE PROJECTS

1. Listen to Stephen Olford's audio "Secret of Living" (Audio 899B). Then answer this question: "What is the difference in having Christ as Savior and having Him as Lord"?

2. Make a chart showing each area of your life. For each area, show what percentage Jesus has control of and what percentage the world has control of.

3. Ask the class members to write the answer to this question: "Who or what has the greatest single influence on my behavior and why"?

F. EXTRA HELPS

Fox's Book of Martyrs

Saving Life of Christ *by Major Ian Thomas*

My Heart, Christ's Home *by Dr. R. B. Munger*

Audio 2122 - "Total Surrender"

Audio 1206 - "Lordship"

Audio 2250 - "Submission to Sovereignty; Control of thoughts; moods; affections.