

# The Lordship of Jesus Christ

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I. Introduction.

II. We are “seeds.”

III. Jesus is the farmer.

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. (John 12:24)

A. Many believers abide alone because they are unwilling to die.

B. The basic issue of Lordship is death.

C. Death means to relinquish control.

1. The body will relinquish control over the spirit at death.  
(II Corinthians 5, I Corinthians 15, Ecclesiastes 8)

2. The seed planted in the soil disintegrates and dies.

D. 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 have to be open-handed about our possessions and relationships. (II Timothy 2:3-4)

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

E. Evangelism is proclamation, performance, presence and incarnation.

VI. Conclusion.

A. God knows whether our hands are truly open.

B. Others will know by our fruits.

**Application questions:**

1. What does it mean to die to oneself?

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2. Why is “death” integral for bearing fruit?

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3. What things do you struggle holding open handed? How can you grow in this area?

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