

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

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I. Introduction.

A. Every parable of Jesus deals with values.

B. All of our priorities are an expression of our value system.

C. Texts: Matthew 13:36-38, John 12:24.

II. We are “seeds.” If you are a child of the king Jesus, you are a seed among other things.

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.

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

B. The believer who hates his life will bear fruit.

1. Jesus Christ is only Lord of those willing to die.

2. Death is a separation from life.

3. One’s life is the sum total of all his or her activities and relationships.

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

C. The cross is an instrument of death—we must die to our possessions and relationships.
(Luke 9:23)

Application questions:

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

2. What does it mean to die to oneself?

3. To what areas may God be calling you to “die”? Spend some time in prayer over this and write your reflections below.
