

Only One Master

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I. Introduction.

- A. Much of what is going on sounds like the last days. (Matthew 24)
- B. We must not be afraid, surprised or fooled.
- C. Texts: John 13:13; Luke 6:46; Matthew 6:24.
- D. Life is short. We must choose to invest our lives wisely. (Ephesians 5:15-18)

II. What Lordship means.

- A. Lordship means giving Jesus pre-eminence, surrender, commitment and undivided loyalty.
- B. In very few Christians is Jesus pre-eminent.

III. Why Jesus should be Lord of my life.

- A. Jesus created us. (Colossians 1)
- B. Jesus redeemed us. (1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Revelation 1:5; Ephesians 1:7)
- C. Jesus' own testimony. (John 13:13)
- D. God said he was Lord. (Acts 2:36)
- E. Jesus will have ultimate victory. (Ephesians 1:9-10)

IV. What keeps Jesus from being Lord of my life.

- A. A lack of trust. We do not believe he knows what is best for us or that he is in control. (Jeremiah 29:11; Ephesians 1:8; Psalm 115:3)
- B. Our surrender is incomplete. (2 Timothy 4:10; 1 John 2:15-16; Acts 5; 15:36-38; Luke 9:62)
- C. Our surrender is insincere. (Acts 4:5; Ecclesiastes 5:4-5)
- D. Our surrender is inconsistent. (Acts 13)

V. Results of choosing the wrong master.

- A. Fellowship with God is broken. (1 John 1:9)
- B. Power has gone out of the life.
- C. Joy is absent.
- D. Uneasiness.

- E. Fear.
- F. A sense of guilt.
- G. A lack of enthusiasm.
- H. A lack of hope.
- I. Life has gone flat.

VI. Results of Jesus' Lordship in our lives.

- A. Unspeakable joy. (Luke 11:36)
- B. Satisfactory servanthood. (Romans 14:4)
- C. A desire to please Jesus.
- D. A bright reality of Christ living in you. (Galatians 2:20)
- E. Power will be released from your life.
- F. Daily deliverance. (Romans 5:10; Leviticus 26:13; Colossians 3:9-10)
- G. Stability. (Psalm 33:6)
- H. Reflecting Jesus. (Colossians 3:9)
- I. A genuine zeal for God.

VII. Everyone is responsible for their own actions. (James 4:8)

VIII. Conclusion.

Application questions:

1. What does Jesus' Lordship look like in your current circumstances?

2. What needs to change in your life to reflect Jesus' Lordship?

3. How can you increase accountability for living for Jesus as Lord? Explain.
