

WHAT IS LORDSHIP?

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- Consecration Month

- Why Talk about money?

- Jesus' #1 Topic!
 - 16 of Jesus' 38 parables
 - about money
 - (42%)

- The Bible offers
 - 500 verses on prayer,
 - < 500 verses on faith,
 - > 2,000 verses on money!

- Why?
- Jesus spoke about money,
 - not because he was obsessed
 - BUT because he knew
 - money was a heart issue.
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- People frequently,
 - lose relationship with God
 - over money.
- The Devil uses money
 - to seduce us
 - powerful negative force.
- According to Jesus:

Matthew 6:24 ESV

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

- The issue of money
 - is really a fight
 - for the human soul.
- We have two choices
 - Make God Lord of all
 - or make money, self, and Satan Lord
- This morning,
 - begin a series entitled
 - “Stewardship is Lordship.”

- Quote by Chuck Colson,

“The greatest challenge facing the Church today, is to reassert the Lordship of Jesus Christ.”

- EGW:

“As the people of God approach the perils of the last days, Satan holds earnest consultation with his angels as to the most successful plan of overthrowing their faith...”

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“Go, make the possessors of lands and money drunk with the cares of this life. Present the world before them in its most attractive light, that they may lay up their treasure here and fix their affections upon earthly things...

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Make them care more for money than for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom and the spread of the truths we hate,

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and we need not fear their influence; for we know that every selfish, covetous person will fall under our power, and will finally be separated from God's people.”

- We must understand
 - this is a fight
 - for our souls!

- We have two options:
 - Make God Lord of All
 - Or
 - Make Money, Self, and Satan Lord!

If God is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all.

Gallup Poll said

Addressing a national seminar of Southern Baptist leaders, George Gallup said, "We find there is very little difference in ethical behavior between churchgoers and those who are not active religiously...The levels of lying, cheating, and stealing are remarkable similar in both groups. Eight out of ten Americans consider themselves Christians, Gallup said, yet only about half of them could identify the person who gave the Sermon on the Mount, and fewer still could recall five of the Ten Commandments. Only two in ten said they would be willing to suffer for their faith.

- In other words,
 - they come to church on the weekend,
 - ...
 - live like world
 - rest of the time.
- For most Christians
 - God is master
 - few hours a week

- Self is master
 - rest of the time...

Worldliness

God defines worldliness

1 John 2:16 ESV

For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

- **Lust of the Flesh** - a passion for sensual satisfaction
- **Lust of the Eyes** - an inordinate desire for the finer things of life
- **Pride of Life** - self-satisfaction in who we are, what we have, and what we have done

- Worldliness is
 - preoccupation with
 - ease
 - and affluence.

- It elevates creature comfort

- to the point of idolatry;
 - large salaries
 - comfortable life-styles
 - necessities of life.

- Problem Is:
 - God is Lord
 - while at church
 - Rest of week
 - my desires are Lord

Time as Bible Worker

everyone is going to heaven...

Church members in America

- 10% cannot be found

- 20% never attend Church
- 25% never pray
- 30% never read their bible
- 40% never give to the church
- 50% never attend an evening service
- 60% never give to world missions
- 75% never assume any responsibility
- 85% never attend midweek service
- 95% never have won 1 person to Christ
- Yet 100% believe that they are going to heaven.

- Now these are the words of Jesus:

Matthew 7:21 ESV

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

- Lordship series
 - 4 weeks
- Satan fears

- our submission to
 - Lordship of Jesus.
- Consecration Month
 - chance grow
 - spiritually.
- OK,
 - now let's get started.
 - What is Lordship?
- 5 things Jesus teaches
 - about Lordship.

1. Lordship is accepting the sovereignty of the Lord God.

- Very foundation.

- It begins
 - Accepting the sovereignty of God.

Matthew 13:45–46 ESV

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

- Lord = master
 - Master has control.
 - Master dictates life.
- This pearl
 - became all-consuming desire
- Examples in society
 - homeless addict
 - gamer that doesn't leave home
 - business man never fulfilled
- Where are we Christians

- sold out for Christ?
 - give up everything
 - for His kingdom?

Romans 6:9–11 ESV

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- As we come to Christ
 - we experience death
 - death to sin.

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Les Goertz

Prayed but nothing changed

- Secondly

2. Lordship is placing God first in your life.

- What does that mean?

Mark 10:21 ESV

And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

I give you my heart

except this little piece.

If God is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all.

3. Lordship is accepting responsibility and accountability.

- Lordship is accepting what God has given us and doing something with it.

Matthew 25:14–30 ESV

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

5 Observations:

1. God entrusts blessings to us.

2. God's gifts are not equally given.

- One received 5, one received 2 and one received 1.

3. People respond differently to what God has given them

- vs. 16-18 5 talents went out and got 10. One with 2 went out and got 2 more. One with 1 talent went away and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

4. All of us will be accountable for what we did with what God gave us.

- (We won't be accountable for what was not given us [[Rom. 2](#)]).
- vs. 19 master came after long time and settled accounts with them.

5. There is a reward for our willingness to develop the talents that God has entrusted to us.

- vs. 20,21 5 talents, well done
- 2 talents, well done vs. 23
- vs. 24 1 talent, you are a hard man, I was afraid, and went away and hid in ground, and you have what is yours.

- God expects ROI!

- Why did investors have
 - different success?

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- 2 men looked at
 - Master's expectations,
 - as a blessing.

- But 1 man
 - looked at the Master's expectation
 - as a burden.

- Stewardship is
 - taking seriously
 - God's expectation
 - for ROI...

- What will you do

- with what you have?

I can't give to banquet

I don't have any income...

- 2 Lessons on Stewardship

1. Stewardship is investing what you have been given.
2. We will be called to account about the use of our talents

- Talents:

- time
- energy
- money

- Rarely have a lot of all

- those with money
 - rarely have lots of
 - time and energy

- those with energy
 - rarely have
 - lots of money...
- Give back
 - what you have...

General William Booth was once asked to reveal the secret of his success. After some hesitation, tears came to his eyes and he said, "I will tell you the secret. God has had all there was of me. There have been men with greater brains than I have, men with greater opportunities, but from the day that I got the poor of London on my heart and caught a vision of what Jesus could do with them, I made up my mind that God should have all of William Booth."

Lordship is: (Review)

1. Lordship is submitting to the sovereignty of God.
 2. Putting Him first in our life.
 3. Accepting that what He is giving us as a blessing in our life.
- - The next thing about Lordship is:

4. Lordship Is Doing the Will of God.

- Not only important what you say. It is more important what you do.

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Matthew 7:21–27 ESV

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

- As Christians
 - we can know everything.

- God is not about
 - information
 - action!
- Our salvation is
 - based upon
 - what we did with what we have!
- That is definition
 - of stewardship...

Gallop Poll

Claim one thing

live another

- › How is your life
 - › Out of this place?

Adlai Stevenson

Lordship Sermon

“Oh Lord, use me, USE ME. Use Me.”

thought about consequence

““Oh, of course Lord, use me in an advisory capacity...””

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- Last thing about Lordship.

5. Lordship is about personal obedience, regardless of the cost.

- Lordship is when
 - I personally obey God,
 - regardless of cost me.

- Story

John 21:15–23 ESV

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know

that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!” So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

- Jesus comes back
 - after his resurrection
 - visits Peter
 - denied him 3 times.
 - “Peter, do you love me?”
- Until now

- you were in charge
 - but soon
 - you will be martyred like me.
 - TRUE SURRENDER
- That is Lordship.
- That is stewardship.

The story is told of Alexander the Great, King of Macedonia (336-323) and conqueror of Asia Minor, Syria, Egypt, Babylonia, and Persia, almost all of the known world. One day Alexander and a small company of soldiers approached a strongly fortified walled city and Alexander raised his voice and demanded to see the king. When the king arrived, Alexander ordered him to surrender the city and everyone inside. The king laughed, "Why should I *surrender* to you? You can't do us any harm!" But Alexander offered to give the king a demonstration. He ordered his men to line up single file and start marching. He marched them straight toward a cliff. The townspeople gathered on the wall and watched in shocked silence as, one by one, his soldiers marched without hesitation right off the cliff to their deaths! After 10 soldiers died, Alexander ordered the rest of the men to return to his side. The townspeople and the king immediately *surrendered* to Alexander the Great. They realized that if a few men were actually willing to die at the command of this leader, then nothing could stop his eventual victory. (Dietrich Bonhoeffer: "When Christ calls a man, From a sermon by Christian Cheong, True Seekers – 6/28/2010)

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- Lordship Checklist:

1. Do I accept God's sovereignty and complete ownership in my life?

- You are not your own. You are bought with a price.

2. Is God first in every area of my life?

- Little Piece or all?

3. Am I ready to give an account to God today concerning my management of His possessions?

4. Am I right now, doing everything that I know to do that is right?

5. Have I personally settled this Lordship issue? If not now, when will I?

- That's the issue, isn't it?

- If not now, when will I?

- Powerful Month

- The most miserable

- Christians.
 - Who haven't settled the Lordship issue.
- Always wrestling with God.
 - NO! You can't have that!

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Bruce Larson had an unusual way of convincing people to turn their lives over to Jesus Christ.

New York

RCA Building

5th Avenue

Atlas

Struggle

Catholic

Jesus 8-10

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