

# LORDSHIP

## I. Overview and Definitions

A. Number one or the only one

B. All authority is granted

C. God will not fight you for the throne

D. God becomes Lord only when you unconditionally surrender

1. God is lord of all or not lord at all
2. "The measure of a man's power is in the measure of his surrender"- William Booth, Salvation Army
3. My quiet time- "I contrive and manipulate in order to compete rather than surrender in order to depend."
4. Surrender places me in a state of dependence (which I don't like) which is living by faith (to which I am commanded). II Cor 5:17  
Rom 1:17

E. Definition- Living in a state of having no other options (see A above)

1. My quiet time- "You will do my will my way"
2. During the exodus returning to Egypt was always an option. They were willing to trade slavery for security. (which is the opposite of walking by faith). Keeping that option open cost them a land flowing with milk and honey.
3. "No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God" Luke 9:62
4. "No Lord" is an oxymoron. Once you say no, He is no longer Lord.
5. When you say no to God it is because you have chosen something else as your God. You don't have a neutral gear here.
6. Can you confidently say as did Mary "Behold the bond slave of the Lord"?

## II. Major Ingredients of Lordship

A. Eternal values – his values or your values. No Conflict of purpose, of direction or pursuit.

B. Faith- you believe He .....

1. Is all Knowing
2. Is all powerful
3. Is God
4. Always has your best interest at heart

C. Obedience- His will, His way, always.

## III. Major Ingredients of Lordship Defined

A. Eternal versus Temporal Values

1. Phil. 3:7-10
  - a. Traded all to know Christ
  - b. Dung- Skubalon
2. II. Cor. 4:15-18
  - a. The outer man for the inner man
  - b. The things seen for the things unseen
3. II. Cor 11:22-28
  - a. Momentary light affliction
  - b. Trouble, suffering, persecution only affects men with temporal values. ( Job 23:12)
4. Temporal values defined
  - a. I John 2:15-17
    - 1) Lust of the flesh- sex, immorality, food, your passions, gluttony

- 2) Lust of the eyes – things, stuff we clutter our lives with and then spend more time and money to protect them.
  - 3) Pride of life- Nobody tell me what to do
  - 4) And this is all there is
  - 5) When a man rejects Christ it is always for one or more of these three reasons.
- b. Matt. 6:19-20 A warning – don't do it!
  - c. Pity the man who only wants to work, to make money to acquire possessions to have pleasure.
  - d. Phil. 3:19 What Paul called living for your belly
  - e. Luke 12:20 Only man in the bible god called a fool.
  - f. To be alive to eternal values you have to be dead to the world- Gal 2:20
  - g. God can not be Lord of your life unless you want what He is offering.

#### B. Living By Faith

1. We just talked about that to live for the eternal versus giving your life for the temporal is walking by faith. Your focus is on the unseen versus the seen.
2. Heb. 11:27... he endured as seeing Him who is unseen.
3. Do I see God in circumstances?
4. How can I gauge whether or not I am living for eternity or the things of this world?
  - a. The decisions I make
  - b. The way I react to circumstances
  - c. The way I treat people
5. A man will never make Christ His Lord until he perceives it to be in his best interest.
  - a. Heaven or Hell- no struggle

- b. Lord of all he is and has- tremendous struggle. Yielding to His lordship is obedience with out knowing it is in your best interest. That takes FAITH!
- c. Most men would trust another man to watch his wife take a shower before he would trust him with his check book.

### C. Obedience

1. Matt. 13:10 Why did Jesus simply tell them stories?
2. Men – obedience is the name of the game.
3. Luke 6:46 “and why call you me Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say?”
4. Matt.7:21 Not everyone that says to me Lord, Lord....
5. Matt. 7:22 Many will say.....
6. The example of David
  - a. Deut. 17:16-17 David was commanded not to multiply wives, horses, and wealth but, he did.
  - b. Ex. 20:14 You shall not commit adultery, but he did.
  - c. Ex. 20:13 You shall not murder, but he did.
  - d. Amnon saw his dad commit adultery and get away with it so he did.
  - e. Absalom saw his dad commit murder and get away with it so he did.
  - f. Prov. 13:7 His own son wrote these words.
  - g. What are your children watching you get away with?
  - h. Gal. 6:7-8 God says I guarantee you will get what’s coming to you. Jer. 17:10
  - i. Jam. 1:22-24 Don’t deceive yourself.

## IV. The Two most often used excuses to trump His Lordship

### A. The Family

1. Luke 9:59-62 circle me first

2. Luke 14:20

B. The Business Luke 14:18-19

V. Concluding Thoughts

A. When Lordship is a reality we are

1. Salt Luke 14:34; Matt.5:13 to a bland meaningless existence

2. Light Matt. 5:14 to a blind, groping, stumbling existence

B. Stephen Olford- only one life, will soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last

Prayed      Any Time  
                 Any Place  
                 Any cost  
                 I'm In!