



“What Is Lordship?”

Introduction: *“The greatest challenge facing the church today is to reassert the Lordship of Christ.”*

- Chuck Colson



A Religious Enigma

(Capital Voice)

Out of all the church members in America...

- 10% cannot be found.
- 25% never pray.
- 30% never read the Bible.
- 40% never give to the church.
- 20% never attend church.
- 60% never give to world missions.
- 75% never assume a ministry in the church.
- 95% never have won one person to Christ.

Yet 100% think they will go to heaven!



What is Lordship?

1. Accepting the sovereignty of God.

Matthew 8:2-4

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2 A man with leprosy[a] came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”
3 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.
4 Then Jesus said to him, “See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”



What is Lordship?

2. Placing God first in your life.

Matthew 22:36-40

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36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'[a] 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'[b] 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."



What is Lordship?

3. Accepting responsibility & accountability.

Matthew 25:14-30

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The Parable of the Bags of Gold

14 “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more.



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18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'



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21 *“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’*

22 *“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’*



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23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

24 "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.



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25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'



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28 “So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’



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3. Accepting responsibility & accountability.

Two men looked at the Master's expectations as a blessing.

One man looked at the Master's expectations as a burden.



Lessons Learned

1) Our responsibility is clear.

Develop the gifts God has given us.

2) Our accountability is certain.

*Someday we will give an account
to God for what we have done
with what He gave us!*



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4. *Doing God's will.*

Matthew 7:21-27

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True and False Disciples

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

The Wise and Foolish Builders



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True and False Disciples

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.



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Matthew 7:21-27

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True and False Disciples

27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Seek to know = Learning.

Act to show = Lordship.



Lordship Law #1

*God is either Lord of all
or not Lord at all.*



Applying Today's Message "What is Lordship?"

Lordship Checklist

- 1. Do I accept God's complete sovereignty and ownership of my life? Is God first in every area of my life? Am I ready to give an account to God today, concerning my management of His possessions?*
- 2. Am I right now doing everything I know is right? Have I personally settled this Lordship issue?*

If not now ...when will I?