

Discovering & Applying God's Word to My Life  
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## **"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. . .**

\_\_\_\_\_ cannot be found. \_\_\_\_\_ never attend church.

\_\_\_\_\_ never pray. \_\_\_\_\_ never give to world missions.

\_\_\_\_\_ never read the Bible. \_\_\_\_\_ never assume a ministry in the church.

\_\_\_\_\_ never give to the church. \_\_\_\_\_ never have won one person to Christ.

*yet* \_\_\_\_\_ **think they will go to heaven!**

### *What is Lordship?*

1. **(Matthew 8:2)**  
Sovereign: "One who possesses and exercises supreme authority over an individual or group...an acknowledged leader...a controlling influence."
2. **(Matthew 22:36-40)**
3. **(Matthew 25:14-30)**

#### **Observations about the story of the talents.**

- 1) God has entrusted blessings to us. (v. 14)
- 2) God's gifts are not equally given. (v. 15)

- 3) People respond differently to what God has given them. (vs. 16-18)
- 4) All of us will be accountable for what we did with what God gave us. (v. 19)
- 5) All of us will be rewarded for how we developed God's blessings. (vs. 20-30)

**Two men looked at the Master's expectations as a**

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**One man looked at the Master's expectations as a**

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## *Lessons Learned*

1) Our responsibility is \_\_\_\_\_  
 Develop the gifts God has given us.

2) Our accountability is \_\_\_\_\_  
 Someday we will give an account to God for what we have done with what He gave us!

4. **(Matthew 7:21-27)**  
 Seek to know =  
 Act to show =

***Lordship Law #1***  
***God is either Lord of all or not Lord at all.***

Applying Today's Message *"What is Lordship?"*

### *Lordship Checklist*

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|---|------------|-----------|
| 1. Do I accept God's complete sovereignty and ownership of my life?                         | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 2. Is God first in every area of my life?   | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 3. Am I ready to give an account to God today, concerning my management of His possessions? | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 4. Am I right now doing everything I know is right?   | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |

5. Have I personally settled this Lordship issue? **Yes** **No**

**If not now ...when will I?** \_\_\_\_\_

### Preparing for Next Week's Message *"Why is Lordship Necessary?" (Part 1)*

Read Luke 9:57-62

- a.i.1.a.i.1. What's your favorite excuse for not doing something?
- a.i.1.a.i.2. How does Jesus respond to the excuses offered by these prospective followers? In your own words, what do each of Jesus' sayings mean? What's His point?
- a.i.1.a.i.3. If Jesus were to say to you, "Follow me – today," and you were to use one of your favorite excuses for putting things off, what would happen?