

Why is Lordship Necessary?



Review: What is Lordship?



1. Submission to God's Will.
2. Placing God first in your life.
3. Accepting responsibility and accountability.
4. Doing God's Will.

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**It settles the position issue.
(Who is #1 in my life?)**



John 13:1-9 (Peter and his pride)



It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.



The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God.

So he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel round his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"





Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.”

Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”

*Jesus was not “position conscious”
because He knew . . .*



- 1. What he possessed.*
- 2. Who he was.*
- 3. Where he was going.*

God is to be Lord in our . . .



1. Salvation. (Romans 10:9)

“If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.”

2. In our everyday life. (Colossians 3:23)

“Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men.”

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3. *Business.* (Romans 12:11)

*“Not lagging behind in diligence,
fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.”*

4. *Family.* (Ephesians 5:22, 25)

*“Wives, be subject to your own husbands,
as to the Lord. Husbands, love your wives,
just as Christ also loved the church and
gave Himself up for her.”*



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(Who has a right to my life?)**



Luke 9:57-62 (The cost of following Jesus)



As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

He said to another man, “Follow me.” But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”



Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.” Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”



Observations

- 1. Not everyone is ready for Lordship.*
- 2. Lordship is more than words.*
- 3. Jesus can see our hearts.*
- 4. Lordship forces us to change.*

Lordship means . . . (Luke 9:57-62)

Accepting the future regardless of the cost.
(vs. 57 & 58)

Leaving the past regardless of the pull.
(vs. 61 & 62)

Seizing the moment regardless of the inconvenience.
(vs. 59 & 60)





Lordship Law #2

If Christ is the center of my life, the circumference will take care of itself.

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