



LORDSHIP

BLOCK ONE

LUKE

6:46

But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?

MATTHEW

7:21

Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

IMPORTANT POINTS

1. Our first step to becoming a responsible Christian is to begin submitting every area of our life to the Lordship of Jesus. This includes our time, our talents and our treasury.
2. Lordship is not determined by what we say but rather revealed by what we do.
3. Be cautious when motivated by thoughts of personal interests or gain.
4. Whoever or whatever currently controls you is your Lord and you their servant.
5. Every knee shall one day bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord!

Thus far in our LifeShape Prayer and Discipleship series we have studied to discover the truths of the Bible and established in our own hearts fundamental beliefs which every Christian should hold dear and sacred to themselves before God and in the face of a world in need of a clear witness. These truths include:

- One God, Jehovah Almighty, Author and Sustainer of the Universe
- Man created in God's image
- Original sin and resulting separation
- Virgin birth of Jesus the Messiah
- Life, death, burial and resurrection of the Son of God
- Salvation by grace through faith in Christ Jesus
- Water Baptism
- Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

Once redeemed from sin, every Born Again Believer steps into New Creation Realities which include:

- A New Nature
- Access to grace, power and provision
- Angels on Assignment

The first two modules covered Salvation and what we get when we are Born Again. Now we begin Module 3 entitled: New Creation Responsibilities. These next 12 building blocks will teach us concerning what every Believer in Christ should do since we are Born Again.

By this time you should be saved, water baptized, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, and growing in the grace of your new nature. Thus far your Christian experience may have been rightly focused on you and how being Born Again blesses and impacts you. Like a new born baby, life is all about them and their needs. However ... it's time now to grow up into Christ and begin to take on some personal responsibilities for the Kingdom of God.

For this reason our first Life Block lesson in Module 3 teaches us the New Creation Responsibility of Lordship. Lordship is a concept foreign to many believers and not widely taught in western Christianity. To begin learning about Lordship, let's read a passage of scripture yet to be fulfilled.

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has

on His robe and on His thigh a name written: King Of Kings And Lord Of Lords.

REVELATION
19:11-16

This passage gives us a glimpse of a future moment when the Lordship of Jesus Christ shall be irrefutably confirmed both in heaven and on earth. This picture which is painted in exact words shows us the importance of establishing who is Lord and will eternally rule over all things.

The Apostle Paul confirmed the Lordship of Christ Jesus in his letter to Believers at the Church in Philippi:

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

PHILIPPIANS
2:9-13

Sinners should be encouraged to make Jesus their Savior. However, once born again, Believers need to be challenged to make Jesus the Lord of their life. The Lordship spoken of in the Bible is more than a mere confession ... it is rather a demonstrated commitment.

The word Lord can be found 6749 times in the Bible; 687 times in the New Testament and more than 75 times in the book of

Matthew alone. Who is Lord is evidently a very important point God is making.

The New Testament word translated into the English word "Lord" is the Greek word: "Kurios" (koo' ree os) – which means: Lord; Owner; Supreme Ruler; or Master.

Our Lord and Master is that one or that thing we serve above all else.

No one can serve two masters (Gk: Kurios = Lord); for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

MATTHEW
6:24

Money is not bad however we are admonished to submit to the Lordship of Christ and His control over our lives above pursuing our own personal interests and increase. The devil has successfully used the promise of personal gain to move many people away from obedience to God's Word.

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, which He will manifest in His own time, He

