

# **The Lordship of Jesus Christ**

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## I. Introduction.

A. The idea of being your own boss is not new. (Judges 21:25)

B. We must bring God into the equation of our life. (James 4:13-15)

II. Man often thinks that he is the captain of his own life, but the Bible indicates that there are only two kingdoms- Satan's and God's. (Ephesians 2:1-3; John 8:44; Colossians 1:13ff)

A. So, there are only two kings. You cannot be the king of your own life- you are either under Satan or under Christ.

B. The lordship of Christ is not optional for a Christian. It is an automatic state when we are saved, but we may not live our lives accordingly.

III. Paul provides some guidelines for responding to the lordship of Christ. (Romans 12:1-2)

A. We must acknowledge the lordship of Christ in our lives by submitting our entire selves to Him.

B. The issue of lordship is not only about not living immorally, but also about making Jesus boss of our lives.

1. We are afraid that if we bring Jesus into our decisions, His decisions are not going to line up with what we would like to do.

2. We are not convinced that God really loves us, has our best interests at heart, or knows what is best for us.

3. God is too wise to ever make a mistake and too loving to ever be unkind. (Romans 5:8; Romans 8:32)

C. Having made the decision to recognize Jesus as Lord of our lives, we then live it out in a day to day process.

1. Transformation is a continuing, lifelong process.

2. We break old self centered habits by renewing our minds, breaking those old habits, and bring Jesus into our new habits.

a) The renewal of our minds happens through the meditating on scripture and applying it to our attitudes and lives. (Luke 6:46; Matthew 6:33; John 13:14; Colossians 3:13; 2 Corinthians 1:8-9)

3. We must worship Him as Lord. (Revelation 5:9-14; 1 Timothy 1:17, 6:15-16; Revelation 11:15)

**Application questions:**

1. What does Jerry mean when he says that Jesus is the Lord of your life (if you're a Christian), whether you acknowledge it or not?

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2. What part(s) of your life are you afraid of letting Jesus into as Lord? Why?

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3. How can our minds be renewed, according to this message?

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