

The Christ-Centered Life

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I. Introduction.

A. This world desperately needs Jesus.

B. Topic: the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

II. The characteristics of one who considers Christ his Lord.

A. What really feeds Jesus is to do the work of God and finish His work. To acknowledge Jesus as the Lord of our lives would mean to view life from His perspective and to live as He lived. (John 4:31, Matthew 4:19, 1 Peter 2:21)

B. Jesus' mission in life was to bear witness to the truth, which is important because there is very little truth in this world. (John 18:37)

1. Our mission ought to be to bear truth as well.

2. But we need to stand for truth even when it is inconvenient. (Jeremiah 9)

3. Men who are valiant for the truth are needed.

4. Life is Christ. (Philippians 1:20, Acts 20:24)

C. Pray so that your heart breaks for those you are praying for. (Matthew 20:37)

1. Jesus Christ is very concerned that we are living a life of purity.

2. He wants us to have this same concern for others.

3. A concern for people and a genuine love precedes a witness for Jesus Christ as a general rule.

D. Hear the Word and pass it on to others as a watchman with urgency. Put Jesus first, others second, and yourself last for J.O.Y. (Ezekiel 33:7, 33:11, Isaiah 62:6-7, John 9:4)

E. It is a Christ-like characteristic to do all things well. (Mark 7:37)

1. Man is marred by conformity.

2. In God there is great diversity yet order.

3. To have the courage of Jesus is to do well in whatever we do. (Jeremiah 48:10, Proverbs 18:9)

F. To be spiritually minded is to live as Jesus lived and not for oneself. (Philippians 2:20-21, Romans 8:6)

G. You have the option of saying yes to God or no to God. Take up your cross and follow Him.

Application questions

1. What does it mean to be valiant for the truth?

2. How does the Lordship of Jesus look in one's prayer life and witness? Explain.

3. Jesus' did all things well and is a model for us. What things are you doing that you are not doing well for the glory of God, and what will you do to change this behavior?
