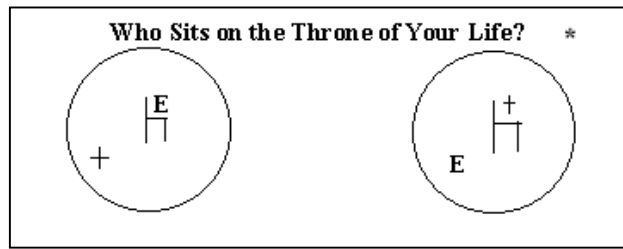


CHRIST-THE-CENTER
THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

1. The Bible speaks of Jesus as Lord*. He wants to be Lord of the life of each believer. The definition of the word **Lord** is: owner, chief, governor, slave owner, highest authority, king. This word indicates: position, complete control, greatest authority, master. Therefore, we need to respond to the question posed in **Luke 6:46**.
2. We have to decide to serve one lord or another--**Luke 16:13**.
3. Choose 2 or 3 areas which make it especially difficult for you to live under the new management of Jesus or to let Him be Lord of your life.
 - 3.1 ▶ Priorities--**Matt 6:33**
 - 3.2 ▶ Things--**clothing, cars, etc. Luke 12:15**
 - 3.3 ▶ Social standing--**Matt 20:26-28**
 - 3.4 ▶ Power--**I Peter 5:5,6**
 - 3.5 ▶ Pride--**Rom 12:3**
 - 3.6 ▶ Family--**Luke 14:26; Matt 10:37**
 - 3.7 ▶ Escapism--**drugs, alcohol, Eph 5:18**
 - 3.8 ▶ Pleasure--**Mark 4:19**
 - 3.9 ▶ Egoism--**Phil 2:3,4**
 - 3.10 ▶ Money--**Ecc 5:10,11; Psalm 62:10**
 - 3.11 ▶ Sex--**I Cor 6:18-20; Matt 5:27,28**
 - 3.12 ▶ Anxiety--**Rom 8:28; Phil 4:6**
 - 3.13 ▶ Good deeds--**Rom 4:4,5; Eph 2:8-10**
 - 3.14 ▶ Tithe--robbing God--**Mal 3:8-10; II Cor 8:1-8, 9:6-8**
 - 3.15 ▶ Fear--**II Tim 1:7; I John 4:4,18**
 - 3.16 ▶ Thought life--**Phil 4:8; Col 3:2**
 - 3.17 ▶ Critical spirit--**Matt 7:1-3**
 - 3.18 ▶ Bitterness--**Heb 12:14,15**
 - 3.19 ▶ The tongue--**James 3:2; Prov 26:20-22**
 - 3.20 ▶ Envy--**Prov 14:30; I Pet 2:1**
 - 3.21 ▶ Bad temper--**Prov 16:32; II Tim 1:7**
 - 3.22 ▶ Irresponsibility--**I Cor 4:2; Matt 25:14-30**
 - 3.23 ▶ Care of the body--**I Cor 6:19,20**
 - 3.24 ▶ Lying--**Lev 19:11; Eph 4:25**
 - 3.25 ▶ Resentment--**Prov 10:12; I Peter 3:9**
 - 3.26 ▶ Forgiveness--**Mark 11:25**
 - 3.27 ▶ Other..(for example: racism, denying Christ, not accepting others, deceitfulness, cheating, exploitation of others, guilt, etc.)

*In the New Testament the word **Savior** occurs only 24 times and the word **Lord** occurs over 600 times thus showing the importance of Jesus' lordship.

4. Choose with your mind and with your will to offer your whole life as a living sacrifice--**Rom 12:1,2.**



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- 4.1 Consider the idea of giving over all your rights to God. He always protects and takes care of what is His. Now there is no reason for arguments or bad attitudes towards others, because now you are no longer the owner of anything that they can harm.
- 4.2 Consider the idea of giving all your belongings over to God--**Genesis 22:1-18**
-What did Abraham offer to God?
-What did God do with this sacrifice?
-Can you trust God to do what is best with your life and possessions if you give them to Him?
- 4.3 Commit yourself to giving thanks to God whatever happens--**I Thess 5:18; Eph 5:20.** This instruction is for you to apply to your life, but not to give insensitively to people who are hurting.
- 4.4 Continue seeking instructions from Christ each day. The action is continual--**Luke 9:23.**
A. Deny yourself
B. Take up your cross each day
C. Follow Christ

HOMEWORK: Memorize Philippians 2:9-11

Read the booklet "**Have You Made The Wonderful Discovery Of The Spirit-Filled Life?**"

**This illustration of Christ or Self being on the Throne of your life is adapted from the above booklet. by Campus Crusade for Christ, Inc. 1966.*