

LORDSHIP

Lordship Discussion Handout

GOD HAS A RIGHT ON OUR LIVES (Lordship)

I. Selfish Christians

A.) Humanism's influence in the church –

- **Humanism –**
- **Christian Humanism –**

B.) The Maniac – G.K. Chesterton, in conversation about men who believe in themselves:

“Shall I tell you where the men are who believe most in themselves? For I can tell you. I know of men who believe in themselves more colossally than Napoleon or Caesar. I know where flames the fixed star of certainty and success. I can guide you to the thrones of the Super-men. The men who really believe in themselves are all in lunatic asylums.”

He continues : *“Are there no other stories in the world except yours; and are all men busy with your business? Suppose we grant the details; perhaps when the man in the street did not seem to see you it was only his cunning; perhaps when the policeman asked you your name it was only because he knew it already. But how much happier you would be if you only knew that these people cared nothing about you! How much larger your life would be if your self could become smaller in it.”*

C. Christian Maniacs – Why do you do the things you do and who do you do them for?

Questions-

1. Do you agree with Chesterton's assessment of believing in yourself. Should a Christian believe in himself?
2. Can you see the effects of humanism in Christendom? Give some examples of man-centered thoughts.

II. Where is The Lordship of Christ?

Rom 10:9

- Lord – literally means –

3 Facts Concerning the Lordship of Christ:

A.) God is God and I am Not

B.) God Must Be the Christian's Integration Point

C.) Jesus demands to be Lord AND Savior; not just Savior

1.) **Matt 19:16-22** – the Rich Young Ruler.

2.) **Mark 8:34-36** – take up your cross

Questions –

1. What do we mean when we speak of our Integration Point?
2. What was the rich young ruler unwilling to give up? How does this pertain to Lordship?
3. What does it mean to take up your cross? What was the cross a symbol of?

III. God Has a Fundamental Right On Our Lives!

A.) A Few Reasons God Can Demand Lordship of Our Lives:

1.) **Creator** – *Ps 24:1-2*

2.) **Redeemer** – *1 Cor 7:23*
– *Rom 14:8*

Questions-

1. Can you think of any other reasons God has a right on our lives beyond those listed above?
2. Can you explain the idea of a Redeemer?
3. Is surrendering Lordship, or control, of your life frightening?

IV. God's right is founded upon His Value and Worth!

A.) Read Matt 13:44 –

Questions –

1. What is the treasure?
2. Why was the man willing to sell everything with joy?

B.) Other Biblical and Historical Examples – of people who have seen His worth and embraced Lordship

The Apostle Paul – Read Phil 3:7-8

Question – Paul says his old life (living for self) was a waste compared to what?

C.S. Lewis – “The Weight of Glory.”

The Angels in Heaven – Read Rev 4:6-11

Question – Why do the angels of God continually freak out, year after year, at the mere sight of God?

King David – Read Psalms 84:10

Question – Do you think David really meant this?

Charles Finney – In writing of his experience of being filled with the Holy Spirit, Finney said:

“No words can express the wonderful love that was shed abroad in my heart. I wept aloud with joy and love; and I do not know but I should say, I literally bellowed out the unutterable gushings of my heart. These waves came over me, and over me, and over me, one after the other, until I recollect I cried out, “I shall die if these waves continue to pass over me.” I said, “Lord, I cannot bear any more””

Winkie Pratney – characteristics of value/worth:

To summarize:

- To try to be the lord of your own life is humanistic and self-centered, not Christian, and basically lunacy.
- We are told to die to self. Jesus commands us to take up our cross in order to follow Him.
- God is the rightful owner of everything, especially of those He has purchased with the blood of Christ.
- His right is ultimately founded upon His infinite value and worth.
- Only those who don't really know Him will want to maintain control of their own lives.

Who's the center of your life, you or Jesus? Why do you do the things you do, and who do you do them for? These things begin on the inside. Pray and ask Him to be Lord of all your life. Ask Him to root out your self-centered nature and ideas. Ask Him to give you a revelation of His ultimate beauty and worth.