

TEXT: Luke16:1-13

TITLE: "JESUS BE THE LORD OF ALL".

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SERIES: "THE THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER" (# 2 of 7)

INTRODUCTION: Sing with me if you know these choruses (*Put words on screen with contemporary backgrounds or images)

**He is Lord, He is Lord
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord**

**Jesus be the Lord of all,
Jesus be the Lord of all,
Jesus be the Lord of all,
The Kingdoms of my life**

Stewardship is one of the seven core values

- Stewardship matters
- Stewardship is lordship
- Is He Lord?

I. (v.1-2) LIVE WITH THE AWARENESS OF YOUR ACCOUNTABILITY TO GOD

1. Jesus tells the story of the squandering steward to His disciples.
2. Like the prodigal son in the preceding chapter, he had been scattering and wasting his possessions.
3. This story is about a manager or steward who was wasting the possessions that belonged to another.
4. It is about one person entrusted with managing another person's wealth and property, charged with acting in his master's behalf.
5. Word had spread that this manager was not handling the wealth of his employer properly.
6. He had neglected to be faithful in his duty.

ILLUSTRATION: (*John draw cartoon of one or two of these) (Funny pictures for some or all of these with percentages on them). In a *Reader's Digest* survey of 2,624 readers in 2004, titled, "How Honest Are You?," the percentage of those who said they had:

- **Called in sick at work when they are not ill: 63%**
- **Those who had taken office supplies from their company for personal use: 63 %**
- **Taken anything valuable from their company for personal use: 16%**
- **4. Shifted blame to a co-worker for something they did: 13%**
- **Lied to their spouse about the cost of a recent purchase: 32%**

7. The steward or manager in this story was dishonest.
8. He was called by the rich man into his presence to give an account of his management.

ILLUSTRATION: According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, employee dishonesty costs American businesses over \$50 billion annually. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce estimates that 75 percent of all employees steal at least once and, at half of these steal again and again. The Chamber also reports that one of every three business failures are the direct result of employee theft.

9. This rich owner cared about the way his property was being managed so he held the steward accountable.
10. God cares about the way we manage His possession and He will hold us accountable.
11. There is the danger of wasting or misusing God's possessions just as there is the opportunity to manage well what God has given us as we begin the New Year.
12. This manager was being held accountable for what He had been given to manage.
13. Each one of us sooner or later will be called to give an answer for what we have done with what we have been given to manage.
14. Accountability is inescapable, for no one is exempt from accountability to God.

ILLUSTRATION: **Daniel Webster, former American Statesman recognized for his Dictionary, said, "My greatest thought is my accountability to God."

15. Every follower of Jesus is accountable to God for what we do with what we have been given to manage.

"So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God." (Romans 14:12)

16. This passage teaches us that we will be held accountable for how we live, what we live for, and what we do with what we have.
17. We are accountable to God for what we do and for what we do not do as well.
18. The man was not the owner but simply the manager of that which belonged to the master.
19. The steward had nothing of his own, for it belonged to his master.
20. Whatever we have to manage, time, talents, or treasure, is the property of God.
21. We only have the use of it for His glory.
22. We must never forget that we are simply managers and not owners of the possessions in our hands.

ILLUSTRATION: I read about a strange thief in Hamburg, Germany. There was not a single brick, tile, screw, or nail in his neat little house that had not been stolen. Over a period of two years, and by way of eighty different thefts, he acquired every square inch of his house at someone else's expense. He even admitted that he had stolen the

flowers blooming in his front yard. Day by day, bit by bit, he accomplished his theft. He lived in a house that was not his.

23. God has given us everything we have.

24. The time, talents, and treasure we have are His.

25. All of us are like the steward, handling for awhile the property of another.

“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” (Psalm 24:1)

26. God is the owner and I am the manager.

EXAMPLE: King David understood the principle when he led the people to give generously for the building of the temple in the Old Testament, saying, “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.” (I Chronicles 29:14)

27. Tithing, I believe, has been misunderstood at times in the church.

28. It is a biblical principle that is part of stewardship.

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.” (Malachi 3:10)

29. I believe that refers to giving ten percent of your income to the place you receive your spiritual food or, in other words, the church you attend.

30. Some have concluded that “90 percent is mine to do with as I please.”

31. The reality is that it all belongs to God and we are simply His managers.

32. The New Testament principle is that of a giving which takes us beyond tithing ten percent, because you can never outgive the Lord.

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (II Corinthians 9:6-7)

ILLUSTRATION: * “Canadian pastor and evangelist, Oswald Smith said, “It’s not how much of my money I will give to God, but how much of God’s money will I keep for myself.”

33. Lordship calls us to give generously of the time, talent, and treasure we have been given to manage because it is all His. .

34. Being held accountable to the owner for what he had done, this manager in the story was given the pink slip.

35. His misuse of what he had been given to manage led to his dismissal and he was fired.

36. We are accountable to God for all that God has given us.

37. May we not squander the time, talents, and treasure God has given us to manage for Him, for we are accountable to God.

38. Live with the awareness of your accountability to God.

39. Jesus gave us just shy of forty parables in the gospels.

40. One out of three or about a third of them deal with money in some way.

41. Money matters and is part of our lives.

42. Statistics say that if you were 85, you would have spent nearly 50 years of your waking time thinking about money.

43. Stewardship isn’t just about money.

44. It touches everything God puts into our hands.
45. This year, you have 525,600 minutes. How will you spend them?
- ILLUSTRATION: *Time* magazine reported in November, 2009, "On March 12, 2009, Bernie Madoff pleaded guilty to 11 federal offenses, including securities fraud, wire fraud, mail fraud, money laundering, making false statements, perjury, theft from an employee benefit plan, and making false filings with the SEC," It was estimated at the time that he defrauded his clients of some \$65 billion, over a period of approximately 17 years. Bernie Madoff, jailed financier and Ponzi schemer, in an interview with representatives of the Securities and Exchange Commission said, 'I wish they caught me six years ago, eight years ago.'**"
46. He said he wished he would have been caught and held accountable earlier.
47. For all of us, the day of accountability to God will come.
48. Live now in the awareness of your accountability to God.
49. Each of us has talents or abilities God can use. How will you spend them?
50. Stewardship is all encompassing, for Jesus is Lord of all.
- Jesus, be the Lord of all,
Jesus, be the Lord of all,
Jesus, be the Lord of all,
The kingdoms of my life.**

II. (v.3 – 9) OPEN YOUR EYES TO THE TRUTH AND PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

1. Hearing that he could no longer be manager, fear and concern for the future changed his priorities.
 2. He asked the question, "What shall I do now?"
 3. This man is overcome with the reality of life without the riches of his master.
- (* EYE PROP - A big eye I can open and close)**
4. He could not close his eyes to the situation or ignore or deny the reality that his job was being taken away.
 5. Facing unemployment and having no marketable skills beyond being a steward, he is in a dilemma.
 6. He recognizes the reality of his predicament and opened his eyes to the truth of his situation.
 7. The handwriting was on the wall in dark, vivid color.
 8. His analysis concluded, "I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg."
 9. There is urgency to his situation that calls for action, so he would be prepared for the future.
 10. He had a limited time to act.
 11. Each of us has a limited amount of time in which to prepare for eternity.
 12. Each of us has a limited time to live a life of stewardship.

“The length of our days is seventy years-or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away...Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”(Psalm 90:10,12)

13. We cannot just wait for things to get better; now is the time to act, for our time is limited.

ILLUSTRATION: In the on-line Old Testament class that I teach for the Bible College, there is a final exam for the class. When you go into the computer, it clearly state that it is a timed test. You have 35 minutes to complete the test. Of all the responses I have received about that test, and there have been plenty, my favorite was a note from a student who said, “I was taking the test and “fuuff,” it just disappeared. It was gone.” I said to the student, “You time out, your time was over.”

14. We have a limited amount of time to live a life of stewardship.

15. We have a limited amount of time to prepare for our eternal future.

16. Invest what you have while you have it.

17. Today, you may have good health, tomorrow you might not, today you may have a job, tomorrow you may not, today you have time, and some day, time will be over for you.

18. Don't worry about what you don't have but use what you do have.

19. He used the opportunity and time he had to prepare.

20. He made a choice to do a plan that would result in people welcoming him into their houses.

21. His plan of action was to reduce each of the debtor's bills so they would receive him into their homes and would be taken care of.

22. He cleverly decides to put his master's debtors in his own debt.

23. Various interpretations have been given, but at the heart of the story lays our acting with foresight and shrewdness in preparation for the future.

24. Shrewdness is not normally viewed as a positive trait, but the word can be translated as “wise, intelligent, or prudent.”

25. The solution for the man was to think long-term.

26. He was shrewd in that he seized an opportunity while he still had *time to act*.

27. Here, we have what some have called a bad man's good example.

28. The manager did not encourage dishonesty but commended or gave him credit for acting in a way to prepare for his future.

29. Jesus then made the observation that the people of this world are shrewder in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.

30. “People of light” refers to those who have been enlightened by the Spirit of God, and who are walking in the light of His Word.

31. The Apostle Paul referred to God's people as “children of light.”

“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.”

(Ephesians 5:8-10)

32. Jesus is saying that worldly people are more farsighted and often more earnest in carrying on secular business than are the saints in doing the work of the Kingdom.
33. The question has been asked, "Are we as eager, enthusiastic, and persistent in seeking to win people to Christ as successful salesmen are in closing deals?"
34. We are to use the things of this world for the sake of the Kingdom and things of eternal value.

ILLUSTRATION: A professional football coach was hired to manage the team. They had been experiencing a bad season. As with all football teams, if they don't win, the coach can often be replaced. To succeed in football, you are supposed to win. The new coach was given two sealed envelopes when he accepted the coaching position. He was told that when he got into difficulty the next season, he should open the first sealed envelope. It was a note of encouragement from the former coach telling him that he should blame everything on him. He revealed the information that the present failures of the team were because of the former coach. If the disappointment of the season persisted, he was to open the second sealed letter. This he did. The terse note merely read: "Prepare two envelopes!"

35. This was preparing to fail.
36. God has called us to prepare to win.

ILLUSTRATION: Benjamin Franklin said, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."

37. There is no higher position or greater responsibility than being a manager for God of all that He has given us.
38. This passage deals with present actions that are taken in light of the future.
39. In verse 9, Jesus gives the clear application of the story saying, **"I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." (Luke 16:9)**
40. Jesus gave counsel to them to use material things of secondary importance to their spiritual advantage of primary importance.
41. There are two observations we can make from this. First, we are to use what we have to benefit others and make them friends rather than using what we have in ways that disassociate us from others.
42. Selfishness or self-centeredness can isolate you from others.
43. The second observation is to use what we have been given to manage in ways that benefit His mission in the world.
44. We will be welcomed into heaven by all those, some you'll never know who they are until you get there, who were reached because you managed wisely and invested the time, talents, and treasure for that of eternal value.
45. Use what we have to invest in eternity.

46. Jesus said, **“But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.” (Matthew 6:20)**

ILLUSTRATION: What will you do with your life?

Three options have been suggested:

- You can waste it – making little contribution
- You can spend it –If you are an average American, you’ll spend approximately 29,962 days on earth
- You can invest it – Scripture teaches the best use of life is to invest it in something that will out last it. – An eternal perspective.

47. One day, the possessions we have to manage will be useless, so use what we have now while we can.

48. Those of us whose life is in the age to come and are looking for that city whose architect and builder is God, must wisely use and manage what God has given us.

49. Those who live in the realm of salvation, the kingdom of light, the realm of righteousness and holiness, those of us whose home is in heaven, whose citizenship is in heaven, whose inheritance is in heaven, whose reward is in heaven, the people of light must prepare wisely, managing what God has given us for His glory.

“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.” (I Timothy 6:18-19)

50. Use the resource we have while we can, looking forward to what God has for us eternally.

51. Use what we have in the world for God.

52. Use the time God has given wisely, lifting up Jesus so all are drawn to follow Him.

53. Use the talents God has given you wisely, serving the Lord and lifting up Jesus so all are drawn to follow Him.

54. Use the treasure God has given you wisely, lifting up Jesus so all are drawn to follow Him.

55. Do we use our worldly possessions in such a manner that there will be persons in eternity who will be glad to receive us?

56. Or, will we be shown what might have been had we been faithful stewards?

ILLUSTRATION: Several years ago now, we had gone to Victorville, California on Christmas to be with family. I had a cousin by the name of Charlie who literally owned the entire dirt street, including all the houses, businesses and land from the main street to the railroad tracks. There were tractors, old cars, dirt-moving equipment, piles of metal and various things all around. While there, Charlie said “Let’s go out and look for saws.” The musical ones of the family were going to get together and play some Christmas carols and music. He had several instruments. I was going to play the piano, but he also wanted me to

play the saw. He had lots of bows, so we went out to the shed to find a saw that perhaps I could play. We were out in the midst of sheds full of stuff, surrounded by piles of junk around them. He said something to me that day I have not forgotten. He said, "Someone is sure going to have a mess to clean up when I die and am gone." He was speaking a great truth. He was going to leave it all behind.

57. All the busy schedules, the activities, the things that fill our days, all the things we have purchased will all be left behind.

58. What are you doing today for the future that lasts forever?

59. Open your eyes to the truth and prepare for the future.

60. Stewardship is Lordship.

61. Jesus Lord of all.

He is Lord, He is Lord!

He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!

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That Jesus Christ is Lord.

III. (vs.10-12) RESPOND BY BEING FAITHFUL WITH ALL GOD HAS TRUSTED TO YOUR CARE

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."

(Luke 16:10)

1. Trust begins with attention to little things.

2. Our Lord teaches us here the great importance of strict faithfulness about "little things".

3. Trust is built or lost in the little things of life.

ILLUSTRATION: Preacher Fred Craddock captured the importance and reality of little things when he wrote, "Most of us will not this week christen a ship, write a book, end a war, appoint a cabinet, dine with a queen, convert a nation, or be burned at the stake. More likely, the week will present no more than a chance to give a cup of water, write a note, visit a nursing home, vote for a county commissioner, teach a Sunday School class, share a meal, tell a child a story, go to choir practice, and feed the neighbor's cat. And, these are the investments we should be making."

4. The point is not what you have and don't have, but, rather, are you trustworthy with what you have?

"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have." (II Corinthians 8:12)

ILLUSTRATION: F.B. Meyer, 1847-1929, was a pastor, author, Bible teacher and evangelist. He said, "Don't waste your time waiting and longing for large opportunities which may never come. But, faithfully handle the little things that are always claiming your attention."

5. Stewardship has nothing to do with the amount you have.

6. Faithfulness is no accident; it arises out of what a man is through and through.

7. What a man does with the small things of life he does also in the big things.

“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.” (I Corinthians 4:2)

8. Be faithful with what you have.

9. It does not matter in God's eyes how much you have but how well you handle it. ‘

EXAMPLE: Barnabas is praised for his large gift of land to the early church.

EXAMPLE: The widow is lauded by our Lord for her gift of less than a penny.

10. Someone said, "I am but one ... but I am one. I cannot do much ... but I can do something. What I can do ... I ought to do. What I ought to do ... by the grace of God, I will do."

11. God views our time, talent, and treasure as a very little thing.

12. The very little relates to this life, the much to the next.

13. The point of the parable is to be responsible with what you have, with your resources.

14. Possessions are a responsibility.

15. God's plan is to trust you with His resources.

16. The best thing we can do is be faithful.

EXAMPLE: In the story of the ten talents, the one punished was not because he had been given one talent but because he did not invest the one talent he had been given. He buried it in the sand.

17. Some want to do big things for God, but they are not faithful in the little things.

18. Be faithful with all God has given you.

19. Stewardship starts with what you have and where you are.

20. The use of your resources is a test of character, values and stewardship.

21. Faithfulness with the little things of money indicates how faithful we are with the big things.

22. Jesus makes a connection between material and spiritual things.

“So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?” (Luke 16:11-12).

23. True riches are of greater value than worldly wealth.

24. Be faithful with the true riches of our relationship to God and others.

25. How you handle money and the things God has given becomes an indicator of whether you can be trusted with valuable nonmonetary things.

26. Handling wealth is a preparatory lesson for other responsibilities before God.

27. Disciples will not be entrusted with heavenly wealth and responsibilities if they have not already shown themselves faithful over against worldly wealth.

28. You will rob yourself of the blessings of God if you are not faithful to be a good steward of what God has given you.
29. It has to do with living life in such a way as to one day hear the Father say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."
30. Because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you will be in authority over very much.
31. If followers of Jesus cannot manage their money, property, time, etc., they cannot expect to be entrusted with the rewards and wealth that last forever.
32. Someone else's property is God's property and property of their own is rewards.
33. The principle here is that God will give us what He knows will flow through us.

ILLUSTRATION: For several years, while living in California, for four weeks each summer, I would leave work and drive about an hour to Camp Good News, above Lopez Lake, and speak at the chapel for the children during camp. There was a stream that I walked across several times on my way to the chapel. I have noticed a variety of dams that had been built by the children, some which had been successful at least for a season in stopping the flow.

34. Trustworthiness keeps the channels clear so that God's resources can flow through us.
35. Stewardship is being faithful with all He has trusted us with.

IV. (v. 13) DEVOTE YOURSELF TO GOD, SERVING HIM WITH ALL YOUR LOVE

"No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." (Luke 16:13)

1. Who is controlling your time, talents and treasures, or, are they controlling you?
2. Jesus points out that money has the potential of becoming your master.
3. It can govern your choices, control your emotions, and dictate your behavior.
4. You cannot live with money as your master and, at the same time, declare that God is your master.

ILLUSTRATION: ** "If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost any other area of his life." (Billy Graham)

5. Money can destroy.

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." (I Timothy 6:10)

ILLUSTRATION: Almost everyone bemoans how easily we accumulate stuff. But, that tendency nearly killed Patrice Moore, a 43-year-old man living in the Bronx, New York. Moore lived a reclusive life in a 10-by-10 foot room where he compulsively saved newspapers, magazines, books, catalogs, and junk mail.

On December 27, 2003, it all came crashing down on him—literally. An avalanche of Moore's stuff trapped him, standing up, in his room for two days before neighbors heard him moaning and called the fire department. Neighbors and firefighters hauled out 50 garbage bags of paper for an hour just to reach him. (Lee Eclov, Vernon Hills, Illinois)

6. Stuff can get in the way of Lordship and hold us in bondage.
7. Stuff can destroy when it become our lord and gets in the way of Lordship.
8. No one can serve two masters.
9. Only one master can have your full devotion.
10. Money is never neutral; it is either master or servant.

ILLUSTRATION: **"The fault does not lie in the money, but in them that use it." (John Wesley)

EXAMPLE: Perhaps you all are familiar with the passage from Joshua, *"...choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Ammorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."* God requires exclusive loyalty. So, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve; make an investment in your future and serve God faithfully with all of yourself!

11. When you say yes to God you say no to other things.

ILLUSTRATION: A. W. Pink wrote this: "These two are diametrically opposed, God and money. One commands you to walk by faith, the other to walk by sight. One to be humble, the other to be proud. One to set your affection on things above, the other to set them on the things that are on the earth. One to look at the things that are unseen and eternal, the other to look at the things that are seen and temporal; one to have your conversation in heaven, the other to cleave to the dust; one to be careful for nothing, the other to be all anxiety. One to be content with such things as you have, the other to enlarge your desires. One to be ready to distribute, the other to withhold; one to look at the things of others, the other to look at only one's own things; one to seek happiness in the Creator, the other to seek happiness in the creature. Is it not plain," he says, "You can't serve two such masters." You cannot give God everything and hold on to something else at the same time.

12. The cross point to His devotion to us.
13. He is the faithful God that sent His son to die on the cross, paying the debt for our sins.
14. How will you respond?

ILLUSTRATION: * Martyred theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die."

15. Lordship comes at a price.
16. Paul responded, **"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)**
17. Stewardship is an issue of surrender.

ILLUSTRATION: *“God does not always choose great people to accomplish what he wishes, but he chooses a person who is wholly yielded to him.” (Right-hand Man for Billy Graham, T. Wilson)

18. Lordship requires all of us.

ILLUSTRATION: At the last church I pastored, I baptized a precious couple in their 20’s. He was a police officer and, as I was about to baptize him, I told him he might want to take his wallet and anything else out of his clothes so they would not get wet. He said, “I am leaving my wallet because I have surrendered everything I have and every thing I am to God.”

19. He was talking about Lordship.

20. Lordship is loving God with all of our heart.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.” (Deuteronomy 6:5)

21. It is loving God with all of your devotion.

22. Your calendars and checkbooks can be valid indicators of your devotion to God.

23. For, you see, the way we handle the earthly wealth, which really belongs to God, shows who our true master is.

24. We cannot have two masters.

25. Either God owns you, including your money, or your money (mammon) owns you.

26. Divided loyalty hinders stewardship.

27. You cannot be owned by God and the things of the world at the same time.

28. Serving God is not a part-time job.

ILLUSTRATION: *J. Wilbur Chapman said, “It is not a question of who or what you are, but whether God controls you,”

29. How we use what He has placed us to be stewards over reveals whether we are truly servants of God.

ILLUSTRATION: * Theologian John Calvin said, "Where riches hold the dominion of the heart, God has lost His authority.

30. Who is the authority of your life?

31. To surrender to His Lordship is to trust Him with your relationships.

32. God will help you.

33. To surrender to His Lordship is to trust Him with your time, talents and treasures.

34. God will help you.

35. To surrender to His Lordship is to trust Him with your life, surrendering yourselves to Him as Lord of your life.

36. God will help you.

ILLUSTRATION: History records that General Douglas MacArthur was the official representative to the United States, and a highly decorated Japanese admiral represented the Japanese Imperial Forces. The two men met on the deck of the Battleship Missouri. As the ceremony came to the actual moment of surrender, the Japanese admiral extended his hand in the familiar gesture of friendship and peace, but General MacArthur refused to take it. He kept his right hand at his side. Sternly he said, “Sir, your sword

first, please.” Then, when the defeated admiral handed over his sword, he extended his hand and grasped the Japanese officer’s hand.

37. We want to be friends with God, but God calls for surrender to His Lordship.

38. There is no Lordship without surrender.

39. Surrender the sword of your self-sufficiency, your pride, and your own will.

40. Surrender to His Lordship

CONCLUSION: Is He Lord? You will notice the acrostic **L-O-R-D**. Stewardship is Lordship.

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(Commitment card)

JESUS IS LORD OF ALL

“Stewardship is Lordship”

_____With God’s Help, I renew the commitment to live a life of Lordship.

_____ With God’s Help I commit to be a faithful steward of the time, talents and treasure God has given me to manage.

_____ As part of stewardship, with God’s help, I commit to begin (or begin again) to tithe

_____ I need tithing envelopes

Signed

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