

LORDSHIP IN A MATERIAL WORLD

Jesus as Lord, Pt.4

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Three ways to make material things a blessing in my life instead of a curse:

1. Remember what material things are _____.

Luke 12:13-21

Two common beliefs:

(1) Material things exist for _____.

(2) I exist for _____.

The truth:

1) God owns _____, including _____.

2) I am a _____ of all I possess.

3) The purpose of my life and my possessions is to _____ and _____ God.

2. Choose to _____ the Lord for my needs.

Luke 12:22-31

A lot of worry about material things come from lies:

1) Material things are necessary for my _____.

2) What I possess determines my _____ as a person.

3) Material things determine my _____.

If I remember that -

1) My life and our possessions are God's.

2) The purpose of material things is to honor and serve Him.

3) He is sovereign (in control).

Then I will find it easier to be at _____.

Why?

1) If I belong to the Lord, my problems are _____ problems.

2) If I belong to the Lord, my needs are _____ responsibility.

If I'm trusting and obeying the Lord and I don't have something I think I need, either

a) I'm wrong, I _____ need it. Or...

b) The Lord will _____ in His time.

Key Verse:

Luke 12:31 (NLT)

He will give you all you need from day to day if you make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.

3. _____ some of it to the Lord as a _____

Tithe = 10%

Malachi 3:10-12 (NIV)

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. [11] I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the Lord Almighty. [12] "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the Lord Almighty.

God is saying

"Do you really acknowledge Me as the Lord Almighty?

Then *put your money where your mouth is*, return My tithe to Me. If you do, I will show you what I can do as the Lord Almighty."

Three things God promises to do as we acknowledge His lordship with our tithes:

1) _____ for us. (v.10)

2) _____ us. (v.11)

3) Make our lives a _____ to others. (v.12)