



“CONSIDER CHRIST”
MEDITATE ON WHO JESUS IS AND THE STRENGTH HE GIVES

“CONSIDER HIS LORDSHIP”
Text: Luke 6:39-49

INTRODUCTION: If we are not careful, it becomes easy for us to refer to Jesus as Lord and at the same time manage to ignore His teachings and principles. The 46th verse of our text this evening is one of the more convicting verses in the whole Bible. We live in a society where many people claim the title of “*Christian*” and yet they choose to live a life of complete disobedience to the _____ of _____. All believers in Christ should guard themselves from ignoring the *lordship authority* that God rightfully has over our lives. A godly Christian is under _____. When one truly recognizes the lordship of God over us, it shows! In the lesson before us, we will find three ways that we can express *submission* to the *leadership of Christ* and three vital ingredients of spiritual leadership under *His Lordship*.

I. _____ THE LORD (6:39-40)

To lead others, we must first recognize our own weaknesses. Without Christ, we have no direction of _____, so, to lead, we must first follow the Lord.

A. Because _____ Is Our Hindrance (Isaiah 53:6)

The prophet Isaiah likens us to self-gratifying sheep who have “*gone astray*”.

Time spent in the ***Word of God*** provides for us wisdom and spiritual guidance.

If we are not careful, we can become blind followers of _____ leaders, if we do not make time for God’s Word (**II Timothy 4:3-4**).

As growing Christians we should know the importance of following spiritual leaders who are also following Christ (**I Corinthians 11:1**).

B. Because _____ Is Our Goal (6:40)

“Perfect” = _____

The goal of every Christian is to be like Christ.

True Spiritual Maturity comes as we submit our lives to the Lord in _____ obedience, following Him wherever He leads (**Philippians 2:5-8**)

Good leadership is not just about what we do; it is also about _____ we do it.

Good leadership requires that we.....

II. _____ IN HUMILITY (6:41-45)

A Christian under the lordship of Christ will allow the Lord to be in charge of his/her life and will deny the prideful tendencies of the _____.

Two characteristics of true humility:

A. Humility is not _____ . (6:41-42)

(*Mote* = Simple piece of straw/ "*Beam*" = A piece of lumber)

True Humility restrains itself from being critical of others.

Believers need to recognize that the Lord alone is perfect, but the rest of us are _____.

(II Peter 3:17-18)

B. Humility Sees Our Need for _____ . (6:43-45)

As maturing Christians we need to be sure that we keep a tender heart toward God.

Ours lives always reveal the true nature of our _____. (Psalm 26:2; 139:23-24)

The Christian that is under the *Lordship of God* Follows the Lord, Walks in Humility and.....

III. _____ ON THE TRUTH (6:46-49)

It is essential and of extreme importance that modern day Christians build their lives and their faith on the _____ truth of God. The Bible lays out the blueprints for building our lives on truth:

A. _____ to the Truth (6:47, Romans 10:17, I Thessalonians 2:13)

The house on the rock and the house on the sand is a story of man's response to the _____.

A deviation from the truth is responsible for the collapse of our modern day society.

B. _____ on the Truth (6:48-49, I Corinthians 3:10-11, Acts 4:10-12)

The construction of our *faith life* requires that we build on the foundation of Jesus Christ.

When we hear the truth and refuse to do the truth - _____ soon follows.

Mark 4:16-17

CONCLUSION: Far too many Christians today refer to Jesus as "*Lord*", yet they refuse to discipline their lives by applying Biblical principles. Following their lead will bring us to a time of regret and spiritual dearth. A question to pose to each of us is, "*Are we allowing Jesus to be the Lord of our lives?*" Today more than ever before, men and women are needed, who will stand up and will happily and courageously make Jesus Christ the Lord of their lives. Are you one of them? Am I? Let's be the kind of Christian who knows the true value of walking in humility and building our lives daily on the truths of God's Word. Let's choose to give Jesus His rightful place in our lives – as _____!