

Why is Lordship Necessary?

Our Series: "Who's Boss in My Downstream World?"

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3. Accepting responsibility and accountability. (Matthew 25:14-30)
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Pride is the oldest sin in the universe and shows no sign of weakening with age.

Jesus was not "position conscious" because He knew ... (John 13:3ff)

- A. What He possessed.
- B. Who He was.
- C. Where He was going.

God is to be Lord in our ...

1. Salvation (Romans 10:9)

"If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in you heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." - Romans 10:9

2. Everyday Life (Colossians 3:23)

"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men."
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3. Busyness (Romans 12:11)

"Not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."
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4. Family (Ephesians 5:21,22,25)

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- Luke 9:57-62

Observations:

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- B. Lordship is more than words.
- C. Jesus sees our heart.
- D. Lordship forces us to change/choose.

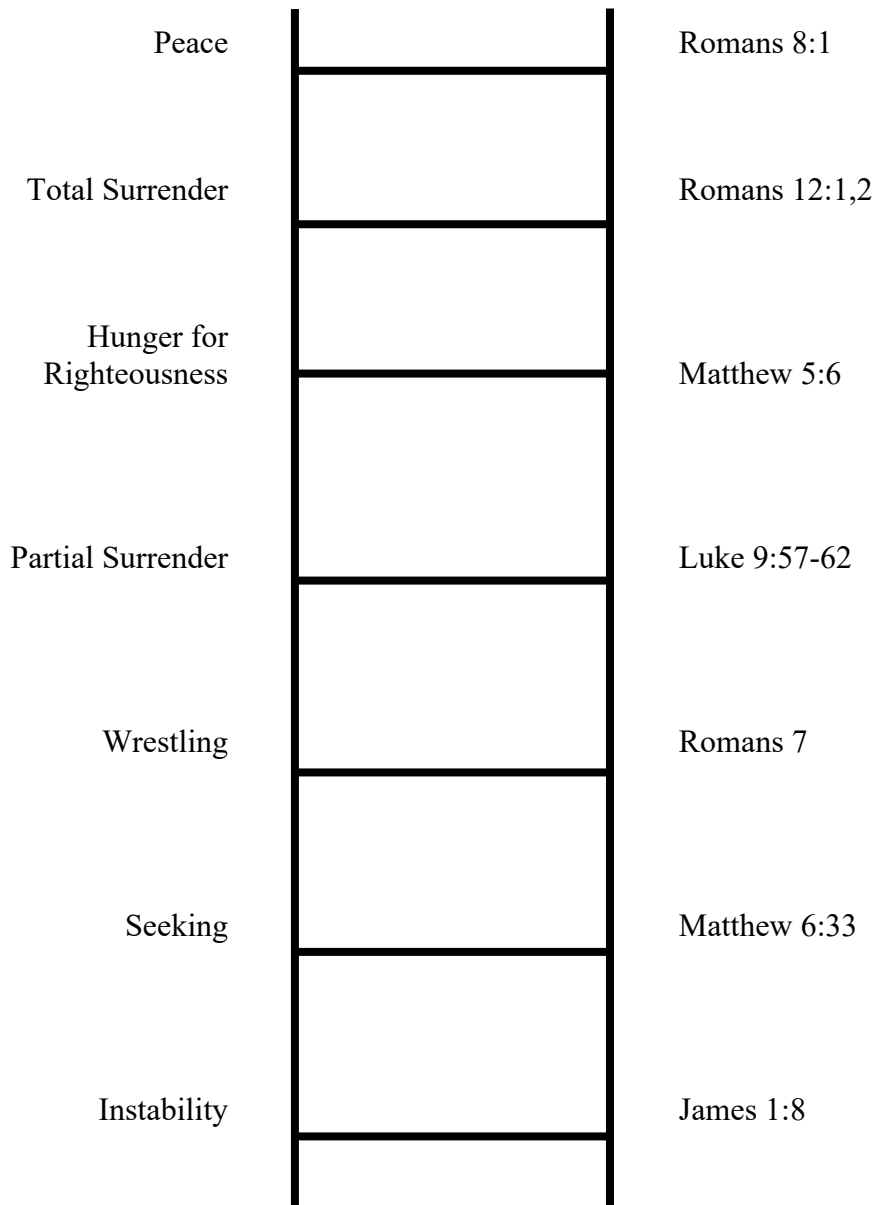
Lordship means... (Luke 9:57-62)

- A. Accepting the future regardless of the cost. (vs. 57-58)
- B. Leaving the past regardless of the pull. (vs. 61-62)
- C. Seizing the moment regardless of the inconvenience. (vs. 58-60)

Lordship Law # 2

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The Lordship Ladder



Check each rung of the ladder that you have climbed.

For Next Week: Surprises of Lordship

Read Luke 6:46-49

1. There are two surprises of Lordship. Can you find them? (Luke 6:46, Matthew 7:21-23)
2. Jesus talks about three steps toward settling the Lordship issue in Luke 6:47. What are they?
3. Why do you think the master gave his servants different amounts of talents? (Matthew 25:15)

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1. Those who neither call Him Lord nor do the things He says.
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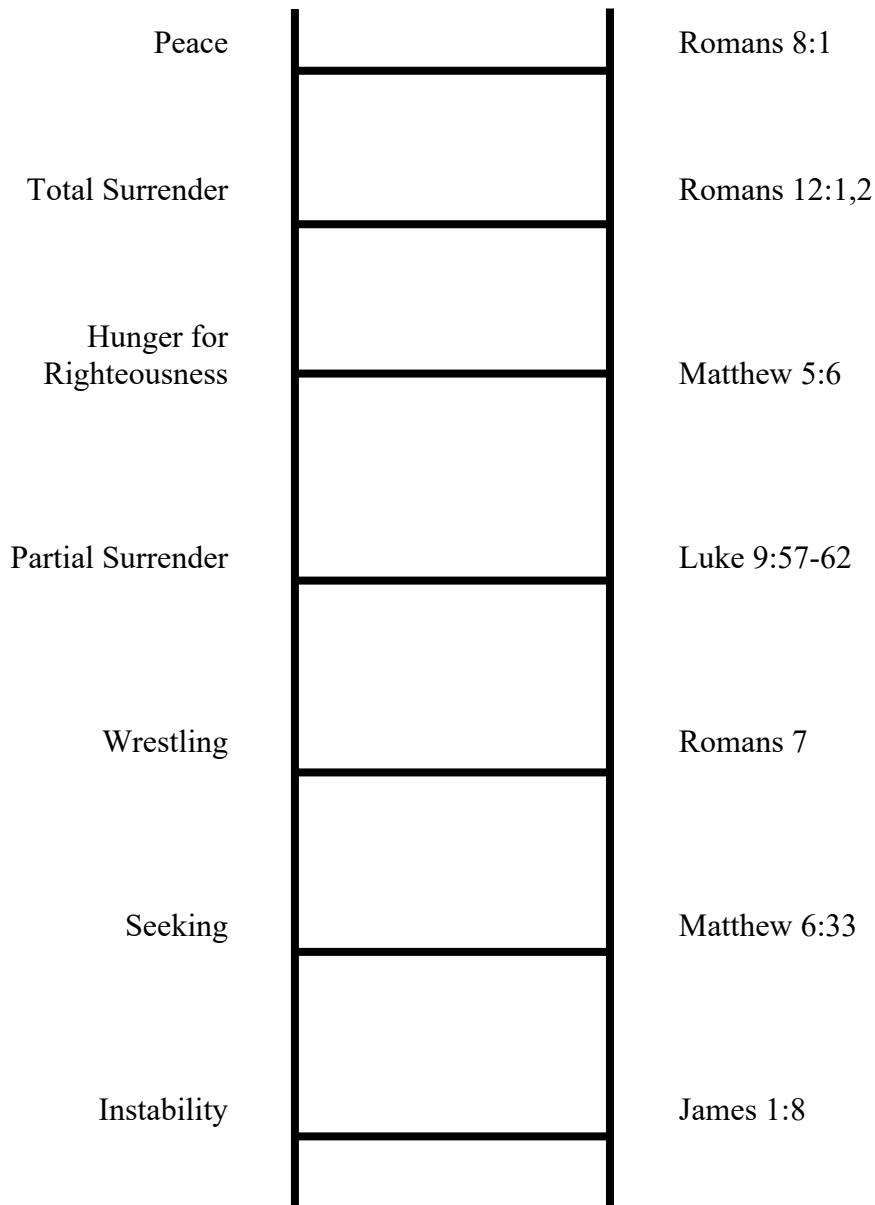
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