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Four Signs of Lordship

1. When Jesus is Lord I am Responsible. (vs. 13-21)

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He was irresponsible...

- A. To himself. "Eat, drink and be merry..."
He thought life consisted of only material things
- B. To others. "You have plenty of good things stored up for many years."
He didn't realize that God's blessings meant he should help others.
- C. To God. "This very night your life will be demanded of you."
He didn't realize the uncertainty of life and the certainty of judgment.

2. When Jesus is Lord I am Relaxed. (vs. 22-34)

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁶Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?" - Luke 12:22-26

*We worry, not because of our possessions or lack of them...
we worry because we fail to focus on God.*

- A. Worry is destructive. (vs. 22, 29)
- B. Worry is deceptive. (v. 23)
 - It gives us a false view of life. (v. 23)
 - It gives us a false view of God. (v. 24, 27, 28)
 - It gives us a false view of itself. (v. 25-26)
- C. Worry is distracting. (vs. 30-34)

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3. When Jesus is Lord I am Ready.

"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. ³⁹But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him." - Luke 12:35-40

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Watch for the Lord's return because your values are based on eternity. (vs. 35-40)

Work until the Lord returns because you are faithful to His commission. (vs. 41-48)

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My Response:

A Lordship Report Card

1. Grade yourself in how well you implement the following characteristics in your life:

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Responsible to self, others, and God Grade: ____.

Relaxed - not worrisome Grade: ____.

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Rewarded - Sensing God's peace & blessing Grade: ____.

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