

**First Church of
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Sermon Outline
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**“Why Is Lordship Necessary?”
Matthew 7:21 – 29
Luke 6:46 – 49**

Matthew 7:21-29

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The Wise and Foolish Builders

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²⁸When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Luke 6:46-49

⁴⁶“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷I will show you what he is like who

comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. ⁴⁸He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck the house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

INTRODUCTION

Review:

1. Lordship settles the “**position**” issue of my life. **(John 21:1-17)**
2. Lordship settles the “**permission**” issue of my life **(Luke 9:57-62)**
(Who has a right to my life?)

Today

3. Lordship settles the “**profession**” issue of my life. **(Matthew 7:21-23)**

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THE TWO SURPRISES OF LORDSHIP

First Surprise

1. Jesus — **Luke 6:46**

⁴⁶“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not **do** what I say?”

The Three Steps to Lordship

Luke 6:47... ⁴⁷I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice.

1. **Come** to Him.
2. **Listen** to Him.
3. **Obedient** to Him.

Second Surprise

Jesus says — people who think I know them because they **profess** me.

Matthew 7:21 – 23

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Three Truths from Jesus Teaching

Matthew 7:21 – 23

- 1st Truth** **saying** the **right words**, will not get me into His kingdom.
- 2nd Truth** **doing** **good works** will not get me into His kingdom.
- 3rd Truth** **obeying** God’s **will get** me **into** His kingdom.

Three Classes of People of the Lordship Issue.

1. Those who neither call Him “Lord” nor **do** the things He says.
2. Those who call Him “Lord” but do **not do** the things He says.

3. Those who call Him "Lord" and **do** the things He says.

Question: Which class are you in?

Matthew 7:24 – 27

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Key: The one major difference between the **wise** and **foolish** man:

Obedience verses disobedience

There is not much difference between **spiritual** success and failure.

(Areas of Your Christian Life.)

3 x 3 x 3 x 3 x 3 = 243

4 x 4 x 4 x 4 x 4 = 1,024 = Lordship

See what can happen when you put Lordship on a higher level?

Summary of Jesus' Words:

The evidence of knowing God and professing God is **blessing** God.

Key: Partial obedience **is not** obedience at all...it's only **convenience**.

WRONG TYPES OF "OBEDIENCE"

Selective Obedience – I determine **when** I'll obey.

Situational Obedience – The situation determines **when** I'll obey.

REVIEW:

1. Lordship settles the **"position"** issue. (Who's going to be #1 in **my** life.)
2. Lordship settles the **"permission"** issue. (Who has the right to control **my** life.)
3. Lordship settles the **"profession"** issue. (Who will enter God's kingdom.)
4. Lordship settles the **"possession"** issue. (Who owns the "things" in my life.)

CONCLUSION:

Jesus Answers ...

What does God own?

Matthew 25:14 – 15

¹⁴"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. ¹⁷So the one with the two talents gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

1. He owns **me**.
2. He owns **all my "possessions."**

Matthew 7:13 – 14

¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Few find it = are those that submit their lives in total surrender to Christ ... His Lordship.