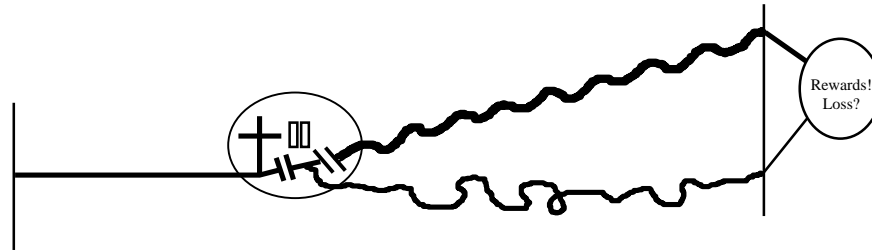


"LORDSHIP"

Does God want every Christian to be a disciple (apprentice) of His?
Is it reasonable? What does this imply?



1. I belong to God because He created me. (Does the Creator not have absolute authority over His creation?)

Deut. 10:14 "... to the Lord your God **belong** ... the earth and **all** that is in it.
Psalm 100:3 **It is He who has made us, and not** we ourselves; We are **His** people ...
Jer. 10:23 ... a man's way is **not in himself, nor** is it in a man who walks **to direct his steps**.
Rom. 14:7-8 ... **not one of us** lives for himself, and **not one** dies for himself; for if we live, we live **for the Lord**, or if we die, we die **for the Lord**; therefore whether we live or die, we are **the Lord's**.

2. He bought me. He redeemed me. He owns me. (A statement of fact)

1 Cor. 6:19-20 *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are **not your own**? For you have been **bought** with a price: ...*
2 Cor. 5:15 *and He died for all, so that they who live might **no longer live for themselves**, but **for Him** who died and rose again on their behalf.*

3. The title "Lord" implies a Master - servant relationship.

Matthew 22:37-38 *And He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with **all** your heart, and with **all** your soul, and with **all** your mind.' "This is the great and foremost commandment.*
John 13:13 (Jesus said) *"You call Me Teacher and **Lord**; and you are right, **for so I am**.*
Luke 6:46 (Jesus said) *"**Why** do you call Me, '**Lord, Lord**,' and **do not do what I say**?"*
Jn 14:21,23 (Jesus said) *"He who has My commandments and **keeps** them is the one who loves Me; ... Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will **keep** My word; ...*

4. He is my Master, and I should view myself as His servant (slave).

Matthew 10:24-25 (Jesus said) “A *disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master. “It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. ...*

Matthew 20:26-28 (Jesus said) “... *whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

Romans 1:1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, ...

1 Cor. 7:22-23 *he who was called while free, is Christ’s slave. You were bought with a price ...*

Phil. 2:5-8 *Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

2 Tim. 2:4 *No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.*

1 Peter 2:16 *Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God.*

NOTE ON ROM. 1:1 Paul identified himself first as a servant of Christ Jesus. “Servant” (*doulos*) means slave, a person owned by another. Paul wore this title gladly (Gal. 1:10; Titus 1:1), reveling in the Old Testament picture of a slave who in love binds himself to his master for life (Ex. 21:2-6). (Walvoord, John F., and Zuck, Roy B., *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, (Wheaton, Illinois: Scripture Press Publications, Inc.) 1983, 1985.)

5. God expects those things I value to be yielded to His Lordship.

Matthew 10:37-39 (Jesus said) “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. “And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. “He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.

Matthew 19:29-30 (Jesus said) “And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name’s sake, will receive many times as much, and will inherit eternal life. “But many who are first will be last; and the last, first.

Luke 5:10-11 ... James and John, ... Simon, ... When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him. (Luke 5:27-28)

6. Jesus appeals to me to put my head in His yoke. (Yielding my independence and perceived rights to Him.)

Matthew 11:28-30 (Jesus said) “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. “For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

“Beware of refusing to go to the funeral of your own independence.”

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7. God wants me to offer my body to Him.

Romans 6:13,18-19 ... *For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now **present your members as slaves** to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.*

Romans 11:33-36, 12:1-2 ... *For **from** Him and **through** Him and **to** Him are **all** things. ... **Therefore** I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies** a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed** by the renewing of **your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

8. God has to be more important than my very life.

Luke 14:26-33 (Jesus said) *“If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and **even his own life**, he **cannot** be My disciple. “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me **cannot** be My disciple. “For which one of you, when he wants to **build** a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? “Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ “Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in **battle**, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand? “Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. “So then, **none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions**. (See NOTE below.)*

Luke 9:23-24 *And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must **deny himself**, and **take up his cross** daily and **follow Me**. “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever **loses his life for My sake**, he is the one who will save it.*

John 12:24-26 (Jesus said) *“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and **dies**, it remains alone; but **if it dies**, it bears much fruit. “He who loves his life loses it, and he who **hates his life in this world** will keep it to life eternal. “If anyone serves Me, he **must follow Me**; and where I am, there My servant will be also; ...*

Acts 20:24 *“But **I** (Paul) **do not consider my life of any account** as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, ...*

Acts 21:13 ... *Paul answered, ... **I am ready** not only to be **bound**, but even to **die** at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.”*

Rev. 12:11 *“And they overcame him (evil one) because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they **did not love their life** even when faced with death.*

NOTE ON LUKE 14:26-33 The stress here is on the priority of love (cf. Matt. 10:37 - “**He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.**). One’s loyalty to Jesus must come before his loyalty to his family or even to life itself. Indeed, those who did follow Jesus against their families’ desires were probably thought of as hating their families. (Walvoord, John F., and Zuck, Roy B., *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, (Wheaton, Illinois: Scripture Press Publications, Inc.) 1983, 1985.)

*If God loves you,
can only do what is in your best interest,
and never makes mistakes,
what would be a logical reason
for not embracing Him as Master?*

When clearly explained, the typical new believer will view Lordship as "good news", as evidence of God's love for them.

Unfortunately, many older believers who have never had Lordship clearly explained to them, upon hearing it tend to perceive it as "bad news", equating it to "bondage".