

# Who Is Your Lord?

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We all serve a lord whether we think so or not. It doesn't matter whether we believe that this is true or not; what matters is what is true. The Bible tells us that there are two spiritual lords in existence: the lord of hate and evil - the devil, and the lord of love and good - Jesus Christ. If there really are lords to serve, then it doesn't matter if we believe in them or not. We'll still have to eventually accept the consequences of our beliefs.

You may say that you don't have a lord and you don't serve anyone, but if you are not serving Jesus, you are serving the devil by default; therefore the devil, or Satan, is your lord. Also if you refuse the teachings of Christianity or to live a Christian lifestyle, then you are accepting the devil as your lord.

This lordship is not only for your earthly existence, it is also for your eternal spiritual existence. The Bible states that when we die we will be absent from the body and present with the lord. Which lord will you be with after you die?

Many people have accepted Jesus as their savior, but not as their Lord. These people say that they believe in Jesus in order to be "saved" from going to hell when they die, but they don't accept Jesus as their lord, so therefore they continue to serve the devil. Luke 16:13 in the Bible states "no one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other." God also said that either we are for Him or we are against Him.

To serve Jesus, you need to grow in a relationship with Him; you need to become His disciple. The Bible commands us to go into the world and make disciples of people, not just believers. A Believer accepts the idea or reality of Jesus and may accept Jesus as their savior from their sins providing them acceptance into heaven. But a Disciple accepts Jesus as their Lord as well as their Savior. They want to live in a way that is pleasing to God. They trust Jesus and want to obey Him. They want to and try to follow Jesus' commandments.

The way to become a disciple of Jesus is to talk to Him every day through **prayer** (praise Him, thank Him, apologize to Him and ask for guidance and help), and **Bible study** (read and/or listen to and meditate on His Word regularly).

So who do you want to serve? Who do you want to obey? Who do you trust? Who do you worship and praise? Which lord do you look up to? Which lord is your idol or the one you want to be the most like? Your thoughts, speech, and actions reveal to your lord who you truly worship.