



Understanding God's Will – Lesson 2

“The Yield Sign: Settling the Lordship Question”

I. “What Does it Mean to Yield?”

a. Many have the attitude – “Lord show me what you want me to do so I can decide if I want to do it.”

- This attitude suggests a distrust of God.
- Romans 12:2 – describe God's will for our lives.

b. God's will is not a choice to be made; it's a command to be followed.

c. There is a requirement of sacrifice for seeing God's will. (Romans. 12:1-2)

- To settle the question we must present ourselves as a sacrifice.

II. What Does it Mean for Jesus to Be Lord?

a. Luke 6:46-49– Jesus asks his audience why they would address him as Lord but disregard what he says.

b. Matthew 21:28-32 – Jesus shares a parable illustrating the mandate to follow his instructions, not simply pay lip service to them.

c. John 7:17 – If a man does God's will he will know it is the will of God.

- **The point of these passages emphasizes the importance of doing God's will.**

III. Barriers to Obeying the Yield Sign

a. Pride & Self-Centeredness

b. Partial Obedience equals disobedience (1 Samuel 15)

- Pride – Saul was concerned with his image and how he looked before the people. (15:24)
- Self-Centeredness – rushing to take the spoils before following God's command. (15:11)
- Pride vs. Humility – He was cavalier in his attitude once confronted with his sin. (15:25,30)

- Obedience is better than sacrifice (15:22)

IV. Pride and Self Centeredness

a. Pride

- Pride often keeps us from yielding to God's will, while hindering us from hearing Him.
- Vanity usually causes us to be concerned about what others will think of us, or how something we do or say will look to others, or how a certain deed is "beneath" us.
- Pride usually attaches conditions to God's will.

b. Conditions

- Yielding with conditions is not yielding to God's will, but to ours.
- If you are not surrendering everything to God, then you are not practicing true yielding.
- James 4:6 "But he gives more grace, wherefore he says God resists the proud , but gives grace to the humble."
 - God gives wisdom graciously to those who ask.
 - Double mindedness is a sign that we lack faith.
 - If we want to hear God, we must settle that His way is what we really want.

c. Self – Centeredness

- Often we are too concerned with our own interests to take thought of what is important to God.
- You cannot find God's will doing what you want to do.

"God's will is filtered through His omniscience (He is all knowing); it is attended to by His omnipresence (He is ever present); and it is accomplished by His omnipotence (He is all powerful)."

V. For Me to Hear God?

- a. Have I ever really surrendered my life to Jesus Christ as Lord and yielding myself to him?
- b. Am I willing to do God's will in this situation no matter what that is?
- c. Are my motives affected by pride? (Am I unwilling to do something "beneath" me?)
- d. Are my motives affected by self-centered attitudes? (Am I placing my desires above God's?)