

TITLE: Who's Really In Control?

Text: Luke 11:37-54 NASB/1 Kings 2:1-4 NASB

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BY TRYING TO CONTROL...

- 1) You show your lack of **FAITH**

"O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." (Mark 9:19)

- 2) It **REVEALS** your **INSECURITIES**

"Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" (Mark 4:39) NASB

- 3) You put your trust in **SELF** not **GOD**

- 4) You become **TERRITORIAL**

"A person without self-control is like a house with its doors and windows knocked out." (Prov. 25:28) MSG

- 5) You ultimately **DESTROY** that which you are trying to **CONTROL**

What do you do?

- 1) Choose **HUMILITY** before it **CHOOSES** you.

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up" (James 4:10) NKJV

- 2) Release your **WORRIES** to God.

"...Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only one thing is necessary...." (Luke 10:41) NASB

"For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matt 11:30) NASB

- 3) Give and it will be **GIVEN**

"Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back-given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way..." (Luke 6:38) MSG

4) **OBEY** and **PRACTICE** His instructions daily.

“...casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ...” (2 Cor. 10:5) NKJV

“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.” (Phil. 4:8-9) NASB