

**HOW DO I KNOW
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OF CHRIST?**



**FOLLOWER'S
COURSE 101**

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2 CORINTHIANS 13:5 (NLT)

Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith.

MATTHEW 7:20 (GWT)

So you will know them by what they produce.

SIGNS AND EVIDENCES:

I KNOW I AM A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST BECAUSE:

A. AN INCREASED LORDSHIP OF JESUS

ROMANS 14:8-9 NLT

8 If we live, it's to honor the Lord. And if we die, it's to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9 Christ died and rose again for this very purpose—to be Lord both of the living and of the dead.

GALATIANS 2:20 EASY TO READ VERSION

So I am not the one living now— it is Christ living in me. I still live in my body, but I live by faith in the Son of God. He is the one who loved me and gave himself to save me.

“Unless Jesus is Lord of all, He is not Lord at all.”

(S.M. Zwemer)

ROM 12:1 (THE MESSAGE)

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you:
Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.

**JESUS CANNOT BE LORD OF A PART – HE MUST BE GIVEN
CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE LIFE – THE WHOLE LIFE.**

**JESUS DESIRES TO BE LORD OF THE PRIVATE ASPECTS
OF OUR LIVES AND THE PUBLIC ASPECTS OF OUR LIVES.**

“Many who think they have relational problems, what they actually have is Lordship problem. Many think they have financial problems, what they have is Lordship problem. Many struggle with fear and anxiety but it is only a result of the absence of Lordship.”

(Bill Johnson, Bethel Church)



B. A HUNGER FOR THE WORD

1 PET 2:2 AMPLIFIED BIBLE

Like newborn babies [you should] LONG [CRAVE] for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may be nurtured and grow in respect to salvation [its ultimate fulfillment].

JEREMIAH 15:16 ESV

Your words were found, and I ATE them,
and your words became to me a JOY
and the DELIGHT of my heart,

**THE WORD OF GOD FOR A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST IS NOT JUST A BOOK TO READ.
IT IS NOT JUST A WRITTEN WORD. IT BECOMES A LIVING WORD.**

**YOU HUNGER FOR THE WORD BECAUSE A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST
NOW HAS THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FINDS ENLIGHTENMENT IN THE WORD.**

PS 119:105 EASY TO READ VERSION

Your word is like a LAMP that GUIDES my steps,
a LIGHT that SHOWS the path I should take.

1 COR 2:14-16 EASY TO READ

People who do not have God's Spirit do not accept the things that come from his Spirit. They think these things are foolish. They cannot understand them, because they can only be understood with the Spirit's help.

2 TIM 3:16-17 LB

16 The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is USEFUL to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. **17** It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How has Jesus' Lordship increased in your life recently?
2. How is the Word of God to speaking to you and changing you?