

# Why Call Ye Me Lord And Do Not The Things I Say?

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## Introduction:

In an earlier lesson we looked at the prophecy of the people rejecting the chief cornerstone. We asked why the Jews rejected Jesus. Numerous answers: Jewish concept of the kingdom, loved the praise of men more than God, misunderstanding about the nature of the Messiah, etc. In this lesson we want to focus more on why followers of Christ will not do what He says.

### I) Why?

#### A) Ask for a reason.

1. Wife may ask why her husband says he loves her but then beats her.
2. An alcoholic may ask himself why he drinks.

#### B) There must be a reason for what we do

1. Sometimes it may be calculated other times it may not be
2. Sometimes the reason may be legitimate other times not.
3. At times we might be embarrassed as to why we did something. Especially if done out of jealousy, hatred, envy, etc.

#### C) Background of this passage

##### 1. Jews were good at saying the right things but not doing them

- a. Good and bad are determined by one's actions,

**43 "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. 44 "For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns,**

*nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. 45 "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. Luke 6.43-45*

- b. Numerous passages stresses the doing and not the saying,

*Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'*

- 2. We must realize some will say and not be obedient to Jesus' will, either out of sure hypocrisy, or weakness, etc.

## II) WHY CHRISTIANS DO NOT OBEY JESUS

- A) Some equate hearing with doing,

*James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;*

- 1. We can fool ourselves into thinking we are in agreement with the Gospel and that is enough,

*Acts 17:11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.*

**2 Timothy 2:15** *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

2. We can fool ourselves into thinking we would do what Jesus say if and when we have the opportunity.
3. See this with lessons that are preached knowing people should be upset and angry, **Acts 7.51-52,57-58**, or sad and crying **Acts 2.37**,but neither takes place.

**B) They have another master (money, family, sin)**

**Matthew 6:24** *"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. You cannot serve God and mammon.*

1. Bible warns us about the love of money,

**1 Timothy 6:10** *For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

**1 Timothy 6:17** *Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.*

2. Some people will not quit a job because it cost them money
3. Some elders will not take a stand on an issue because it will affect the attendance and the contribution.

**C) Lack of love for God,**

**John 15:14** *"You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.*

**1 John 5:3** *For this is the love of God, that we keep His*

*commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.*

1. They are more committed to men than to God
2. It may be their personal friendships, their family, or even other Christians.
3. Hard to stand for God's word when your loved ones are on the other side.

**D) They don't see the need to obey Jesus**

1. The Law of Christ is one of love not rules and regulations
2. Many stress the grace of God without our responsibilities to God.
3. Bible warns us of being self willed,

***2 Kings 5:11*** *But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.'"*

**E) Fear, being afraid**

1. Being afraid of being wrong, a valid fear that can only be overcome by studying God's word.
2. Afraid of hurting people, making enemies,

***John 15:18*** *"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you."*

**III) WE CAN ONLY CALL JESUS LORD WHEN WE OBEY HIM**

**A) Obedience requires doing the will of God,**

***Matthew 7:21*** *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in*

heaven.

**Luke 6:46** "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say? **47** "Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: **48** "He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. **49** "But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

1. We can hear all the lessons we want but they do us no good unless we do His will.
2. I am afraid a lot of people will be lost because they stopped short of doing.

**B) Being willing to pay the price, take up the cross and follow Him,**

**Matthew 10:38** "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. **39** "He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

**C) Loving God more than the praise of men**

**D) Wanting to obey Jesus (treasure and heart).**

### **Conclusion:**

What will Jesus say to us on the Day of Judgment? Well done good and faithful servant, or, "Why call me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I said?"