

**Loris First Baptist Church**  
***“Twelve Marks of a Mature Disciple of Christ”***

TEST ONE OF DISCIPLESHIP MATURITY

**Relationship #1 - “Who is Your Lord?”**

*A careful study of the transformation of the Apostle Paul, from a brand new Christian (Acts 9) into a mature disciple of Jesus Christ (Acts 28), reveals that there were six key relationships he maintained which contributed significantly to his spiritual growth. The failure for a Christian to have and work on these relationships will severely hinder his or her ability to become Christ-like as has been commanded by The Word of God (Luke 6:40; Matthew 16:24; 1Peter 2:21; 1John 2:3-6).*

*The first and most important question for every human being concerns LORDSHIP. Who gets to be the “lord” (i.e. “captain”, “ruler”, “leader”, etc.) over your life? To what person or ideal have you given the authority to determine the agenda for the next 24 hours, much less the rest, of your life? Whoever is in charge of what your plans, goals, and decisions are throughout your daily life...is the “LORD” (i.e. “master”) of your life. Paul, in Acts 9:5, called Jesus “Lord” and allowed Jesus to change his plans, goals, and decisions from that moment on. Who is YOUR Lord?*

**Directions:** Please circle the number that best represents how you would rate yourself in response to each of the 12 questions and corresponding Scripture provided.

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Scripture #1: *That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)*

Question #1: I understand that my “salvation” was dependent upon making Jesus Christ the “Lord” of my life and I have put my life’s goals, plans, and decisions under His “Lordship”.

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Scripture #2: *If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. (Romans 14:8)*

Question #2: I understand that I “belong” to the Lord and I serve Him accordingly.

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Scripture #3: *And He (Christ) died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again. (2Corinthians 5:15)*

*“In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:33)*

Question #3: I am no longer living to please and benefit myself or just my own loved ones and friends. My primary goal is to “deny myself” and make “whatever sacrifices are necessary” to live for Jesus Christ and please Him.

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Scripture #4: *“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters--yes, even his own life--he cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:26)*

Question #4: Because Jesus is my Lord and Savior, I know that I owe Him my entire life. Therefore, my relationship with Him is my “primary” relationship and I do not let my parents, my spouse, my children, my friends, my employer, nor anyone else keep me from serving the Lord faithfully and maintaining regular worship and devotion times with Him.

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Scripture #5: *I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ... (Philippians 3:8)*

*I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:14)*

*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)*

Question #5: Because Jesus is my Lord, I have made "getting to know Him better" an important goal of my life so that I will know "How to Live" and "What to Do" to accomplish all of the works God planned for me before I was even born.

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Scripture #6: *"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord', and do not do what I say?" (Luke 6:46)*

Question #6: Whenever I learn something that Jesus wants me "to be" or "to do", I make whatever adjustments in my life that is necessary to obey Him.

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Scripture #7: *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

Question #7: Since Jesus is my Lord, I make my decisions in life based on His Word and guidance and not just based upon what I "think" is best for me.

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Scripture #8: *It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God--that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord." (1Corinthians 1:30-31)*

Question #8: Since Jesus is my Lord and anything "significant" that has been (or will be) done in my life is because of Him and controlled by Him, I live humbly before Him and give Jesus all of the credit and praise due Him for anything good that happens in my life.

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Scripture #9: *Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops... (Proverbs 3:9)*  
  
*Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2Corinthians 9:7)*

Question #9: Since Jesus is my Lord, I honor Him by "cheerfully" giving back regularly to Him through my "tithes" (fixed set amount based on a percentage of my income) and "offerings" (amount giving beyond your tithe based on prompting of the Lord when special causes arise) so that His church can complete the work it was called to do.

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Scripture #10: *Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)*

Question #10: Since Jesus is my Lord, I use wisdom and self-control when handling the monies He has blessed me with after I have tithed to His church. I avoid debt and impulse buying as much as possible so that I will always have money available for the Lord when He asks me to help someone less fortunate than me.

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Scripture #11: *So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ... But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6:31-34)*

Question #11: Since Jesus is my Lord, and has promised to provide me with everything I need, I do not worry about my daily needs...I just do my best to obey His Word and live for Him each day, while trusting Him to take good care of me.

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Scripture #12: *Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'" (Matthew 4:10)*

*Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' (Matthew 22:37-39)*

Question #12: Since Jesus is my Lord, I worship Him regularly and serve Him by loving others around me with the compassion, spiritual gifts, and possessions He has given me.

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**How to Grade Yourself on "Who is Your Lord"?**

- 1) Add up all of the numbers you circled for the 12 questions above. (Max score "84").
- 2) Compare your scores to the scales below and take action as the Lord leads you:

**84 – 56** *You have made Jesus the Lord of your life. Keep serving Him faithfully!*

**55 – 29** *You are struggling with allowing Jesus to be your Lord. This will prevent you from becoming a true disciple of Jesus Christ and being blessed as He would like you to be! (Matthew 13:22)*

**28-7** *Are you sure you are really saved? If you are, you are in danger of severe "discipline" by Jesus if you do not repent and make Him your true "Lord"! (Hebrews 12:4-6)*