

*Day 2*  
**UNDER CHRIST'S CONTROL**

**Week 1: Memory Verse: John 15:5 KJV**

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

You may believe that you are unusual if you struggle with the issue of priorities. Your family, your job, and other responsibilities demand a great deal of your time. Maybe you think that because previous generations had simpler lives, it was easier for them to focus on Christ and to meet the requirements for discipleship.

If that was true, then why was it necessary for Jesus to remind His disciples, who lived two thousand years ago, that they must give Him supreme loyalty? In Luke 14, Jesus said His followers must love Him more than any other person, possession, or purpose.

**Read the Scripture passage. Circle/Identify the phrases that show Christ must have priority over the following areas of life.**

**Luke 14:25-27, 33 KJV**

25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,

26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

**Questions: Why do restaurants have signs in the restrooms for "Employees" to wash their hands?**

**A DISCIPLE'S PRIORITIES**

Christ's disciples had to learn gradually, just as we do. His followers sometimes put their own selfish needs and concerns above Him. Two of them chose sleep over honoring His request to stay awake and pray with Him in the garden of Gethsemane. They argued about who would be chief in His kingdom. When Jesus was arrested, His followers fled, and one of the closest to Him denied Him. Who was the disciples' first priority on such occasions?

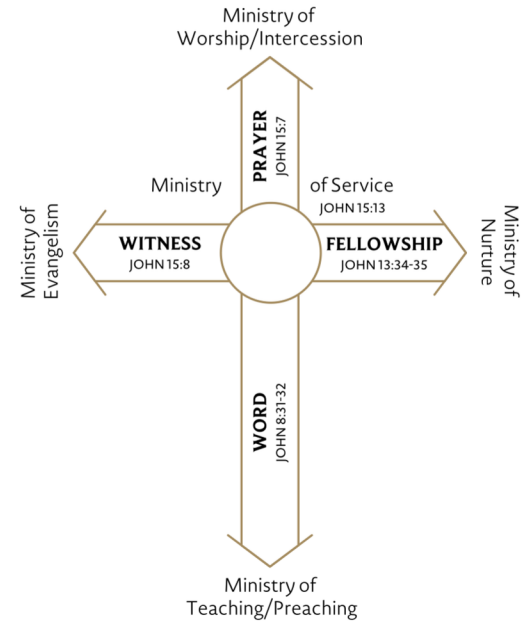
Questions: What made the disciples so *willing* to their person, possession, and purpose under the Lordship of Christ.

Acts 4:18-37 indicates that the disciples loved Christ more than any other person, possession, or purpose. Can you say this about your relationship with Christ? Apply this passage to your life. List anyone or anything that presently takes priority over Christ in your life.

**Person:**

**Possession:**


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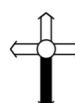


Stop and pray, asking God to show you ways other persons, possessions, or purposes motivate you instead of your love for Him.

Who or what motivates you?

If you listed anything or anyone besides your love for Jesus Christ, confess in prayer that your life is controlled by impure desires. Then, list the steps you will take to give Christ control of your life.

 Identify 3 people who are a part of the summer discipleship and begin to pray for them.

 Continue to memorize John 15:5  
7-minute memorizing exercise:


- Read it out loud three times.
- Write it three times.
- Say it out loud three times (Without looking as much as possible).


## WALK WITH THE MASTER

Complete these activities to develop the six disciplines.


 **SPEND TIME WITH THE MASTER**  
 Have a quiet time each day. Check the days you have a quiet time this week:


Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  
 Thursday  Friday  Saturday  Sunday

 **LIVE IN THE WORD**  
 Read the Bible every day. Write what God says to you and what you say to God.  
 Memorize John 15:5.

 **PRAY IN FAITH**  
 Pray for each member of your MasterLife group by name at least twice this week.  
 Find a prayer partner with whom you will pray each week.

 **FELLOWSHIP WITH BELIEVERS**  
 Get better acquainted with a group member.

 **WITNESS TO THE WORLD**  
 Begin developing Christian habits (e.g., daily prayer, Bible study) that will form and empower you to show your love of God to the world.

 **MINISTER TO OTHERS**  
 At the end of the week, tell someone what you have learned about the center of the Disciple's Cross.