

GENERAL SUBJECT: LIVING TO THE LORD

Message One

**Living to the Lord by Being Constrained by His Love**

Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Rom. 12:1-2; Rev. 2:7

Hymns: 431, 438

- I. The normal life of a Christian being a life that is absolutely different from the world – Rom. 12:2; cf. Exo. 4:2-4.**
- II. The normal life of a Christian being a life of being constrained by the Lord to live to the Lord – 2 Cor. 5:14-15:**
  1. Living to the Lord is deeper in significance than living for the Lord.
  2. Living for the Lord implies that I and the Lord are still two; living to the Lord indicates that I am one with the Lord, as the wife is one with the husband in married life.
- III. This normal life issuing in a normal living and service – Rom. 12:1-2.**
- IV. Only the works motivated by the first love are considered the first works – Rev. 2:7.**

Message Two

**Living to the Lord by Enjoying Him (1)  
Enjoying Him in Prayer**

Scripture Reading: Rom. 8:26; Psa. 42:2; 131:2; 27:4

Hymns: 643, 784

- I. Appearing before God – Psa. 42:2**
- II. Being silent and calm; stopping our entire being – Psa. 131:2**
- III. Beholding His beauty – Psa. 27:4**
- IV. Inquiring – Psa. 27:4**
- V. Waiting – Psa. 37:9; 62:1**
- VI. Musing – Psa. 104:34; 119:15 and note**
- VII. Worshipping – Psa. 29:2**
- VIII. Praising – Psa. 150:1-6**
- IX. Interceding – Gen. 18:23-25**
- X. Allowing God to finish His speaking – Gen. 18:33**

Message Three

**Living to the Lord by Enjoying Him (2)  
Enjoying Him in His Word**

Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 3:6; John 5:39-42; Eph. 6:17-18; Psa. 119:15

Hymns: 801, 811

- I. Christ first being the Word and then becoming the Spirit –  
John 1:1; 6:63; 20:22.**
- II. Converting the Word into the Spirit by prayer – Eph. 6:17-18;  
Psa. 119:15.**
- III. To eat the Lord being the secret to living because of Him, i.e.,  
living to Him – John 6:57; Matt. 4:4; Jer. 15:16.**

## Message Four

### **Living to the Lord by Following Him**

Scripture Reading: Luke 14:17-20, 25-35; Phil. 3:7-8; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Judges 5:15-18; 2 Thess. 1:11; Matt. 6:33

Hymns: 473, 437

- I. A Christian may have many different types of occupations but there is only one possible career for a Christian:**
  - A. Second Corinthians 5:14-15 describes the living of a Christian, which is to live to the Lord in order to be well pleasing to Him.
  - B. Luke 14 describes the career of a Christian, which is to follow the Lord.
  
- II. In Luke 14, the Lord gives His disciples instructions on how to follow Him – vv. 18-20; Matt. 19:22.**
  
- III. Those He called all began to make excuses; the Lord's response to all of these excuses is two parables: a man building a tower and a king going to war:**
  - A. Building a tower signifies building up the church as the Body of Christ and going to war signifies becoming the overcoming bride of Christ as the warrior to defeat His enemy.
  - B. In His teaching, the Lord uses two particular words: calculate (v. 28) and deliberate (v. 31).
  
- IV. There must come a time in our life when we make a settled decision concerning the purpose of our human life and Christian life and church life – 2 Thess. 1:11.**