

Jesus, Lord of 2017: Lord of my Time

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Philippians 3:10-14

10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Why should we surrender to Jesus as Lord of our time?

1. **TIME SEEMS TO BE IMPORTANT TO GOD**

Gal 4:4-5

4 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, 5 to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

Rom 5:6, 8

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7... 8 ... God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Phil 3:10

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2. **TIME IS A PRECIOUS AND LIMITED COMMODITY**

James 4:13-15

13 Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

3. **INTIMACY WITH GOD PRODUCES A FRUITFUL LIFE**

Prov 16:3 Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

Ps 37:4 Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Jer 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

How do we surrender to Jesus as Lord of our time?

1. **PRIORITIZE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

Mark 1:35-37

35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. 36 Simon and his companions went to look for him, 37 and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

2. **LIVE OUR LIFE WITH INTENTIONAL PURPOSE**

Phil 3:12-14

12... I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13... Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.