

# *Unconditional Surrender*

## *Lesson Four: Transferring Ownership*

**“You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body”** (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

Transferring ownership of your life to Christ “implies a change of allegiance from one lord to another.”<sup>1</sup> The moment you committed your life to Jesus Christ, the “control” over your life was relinquished and He became your Master. But few who have made this commitment understand what it means to fully surrender to Christ’s lordship.

In review, what does it mean to unconditionally surrender your life to Christ?

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“Full surrender is the definite, deliberate, voluntary transfer of undivided possession, control, and use of our entire being to the rightful owner: JESUS CHRIST.”<sup>2</sup>

A master is defined as a person having authority, power, and control over the actions of others. Read Psalm 103:19.

Does God rule over every aspect of your life? Are there parts you have set apart for your own exclusive use?<sup>3</sup>

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When a transfer of ownership is made, what rights are relinquished?

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Read Romans 6:12-23.

**“Now you must choose to be slaves of righteousness so that you will become holy”** (v.19).

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<sup>1</sup> Achtemeier, Paul J., ed. *Harper’s Bible Dictionary*. San Francisco, CA: Harper & Row Publishers, 1985. 930.

<sup>2</sup> Stanley, Charles. “Complete Surrender: God’s Condition for Full Blessing.” *In Touch*. (August 2005): 9.

<sup>3</sup> Stanley, Charles. “Unconditional Surrender.” *In Touch*. (September 2005): 37.

## BONDSLAVES OF CHRIST

First Peter 2:16 says, **“You are not slaves; you are free...You are free to live as God’s slaves.”**

Does the title “slave” offend you? Why or why not?

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What is a disciple?

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Many called themselves bondslaves of Christ. What did this entail?

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In review, read Matthew 16:24 and Luke 9:57-62.

What freedom do you have if you are God’s slave?

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Read Romans 7:4-6. Is freedom to serve liberating or binding? Does transferring your “self” to the control of the Holy Spirit frighten you? Why or why not?

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Again, Romans 6:22 states, **“But now you have been set free from sin and are the slaves of God. Your gain is a life fully dedicated to him, and the result is eternal life”** (GNB).

## ACCEPTING THE LORD’S AUTHORITY

“Slaves committed to the service of Jesus Christ do not manage their own lives. People who call themselves slaves of Christ acknowledge that the Savior has power over them.”<sup>4</sup>

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Once we give God the right to our life, He is able to work freely in us and through us. Like a bondslave who bore a mark of servitude (Exodus 21:5-6), the Lord’s workmanship should be easily identifiable in your life. Read 2 Corinthians 3:16-18.

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<sup>4</sup> Youngblood, Ronald F., ed. Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary. Nashville, Tennessee: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1995. 1186.

Read the following scriptures and list the traits of Christ's ownership:

☞ Matthew 5:3-11 \_\_\_\_\_

☞ Romans 5:3-5 \_\_\_\_\_

☞ 1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13 \_\_\_\_\_

☞ Galatians 5:22-23 \_\_\_\_\_

☞ 2 Peter 1:5-9 \_\_\_\_\_

Which of these principles do you embrace? Which are not apparent in your life?

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Compare your life one year ago, last month, and yesterday, to today. Is Christ taking possession?

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#### CHRIST'S ENTITLEMENT

When a purchase is made, the buyer becomes the rightful owner of that which he paid for. Read Titus 2:14 and 1 Peter 1:18-20. What entitles Christ to ownership?

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Does Christ hold the deed to your life?

In closing, read Romans 8:15-17.