Lordship: Why I Gave Myself To God In My 20’s

I. As a junior in high school, I gave my life to Christ making Him my Lord and Savior.

A. I began to read the Bible, got involved in local church, committed to developing a dynamic prayer life, and made life choices that were God honoring.

B. “Lordship” basically means to be ***God-focused and God-yielded***. Though many times I stumbled spiritually in my 20’s, God was always faithful to keep coming after me bringing me back to Him.

II. Three reasons I still give myself to God, daily endeavoring to make Jesus Lord

A. ***Desire*** – I basically wanted my life to count, to make a lasting impact. Because Jesus gave me a new heart, I had a deep desire to love God and live for Him.

***1 Jn 4:19 We love Him, because He first loved us.***

 ***Rom 5:5 The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit***

***1 Cor 6:20 ... For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.***

B. ***Evidence*** – I’ve seen too many signs and wonders to ever pull back from Him.

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C. ***Reward*** – Giving myself to God meets the deepest longings of my heart.

***Mt. 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.***

a. **The Seven Longings Of The Human Heart**, by Mike Bickle with Deborah Hiebert.

b. God created every person with deep longings that only He can fill. We all long for love, for fascination, for beauty, for greatness, and for intimacy. In addition, we all long to be wholehearted, and to make a lasting impact.

***Ps. 4:6-7 Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us. 7You have put gladness in my heart,***

 ***Ps. 90:17 ... let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us***

***1 Pet 3:3-4 Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel— 4rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.***

 ***Isa 61:3 To give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning.***

***Ecc 3:11 He makes all things beautiful, in their time... and He has put eternity in our hearts.***”

Since these longings never change, our pursuit of God

should never wane.