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A. **"Sovereign"** means one who possesses and exercises supreme authority over an individual or group."

#### B. That means He owns us. Why?

1. Because He made us
2. Because He bought us

#### C. That means that God owns all that we have.

1. **Job understood lordship well when He said,** - "... *"Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."* -Job 1:21

### II. Lordship is doing the will of God.

**Matthew 7:21–23** — *"<sup>21</sup> 'Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. <sup>22</sup> 'Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup> 'And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'"*

A. **Seek to know God's will.** Read His will.

B. **Not everyone who makes profession is in My Kingdom.**

### III. Lordship is accepting responsibility and accountability.

**Matthew 25:14–18** — *"<sup>14</sup> 'For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. <sup>15</sup> 'To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup> 'Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. <sup>17</sup> 'In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more. <sup>18</sup> 'But he who received the one talent went away, and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.'"*

#### A. Observations about the story of the talents:

1. God has entrusted blessings to us. (v14)
2. God's gifts are not equally given. (v15)
3. People respond differently to what God gives. (v16-18)
4. All will give an account for what was entrusted to us. (v19)
5. All will be rewarded for how we developed God's blessings. (v20-30)

#### B. Conclusions:

1. Two men looked at the Master's expectations as a blessing.
2. One man looked at the Master's expectations as a burden.

#### C. Lessons Learned:

1. Our responsibility is clear: *Develop the gifts God has given us.*
2. Our accountability is certain: *We will give an account to God for what we have done with what He gave us!*

### V. Lordship is personal obedience regardless of the cost.

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