

## Take Me to Your Leader

*“Who Is in Control?”*

**Introduction:** The expression “take me to your leader” evokes some interesting and mostly humorous thoughts, but the truth of the matter is that everyone serves someone. Even the person who declares, “Nobody is going to tell me what to do” has become a slave to his own passions. The good thing is, we all have the ability to choose who our master is going to be. We must also remember that, in reality, we can only follow one ruler. Choose Christ as the master of your will, and, therefore, allow Him to decide and control the music in your life. He is to become your song! (Psalm 118:14)



### Notes:

1. **Salvation** comes first
  - a. Only a saved person can understand spiritual principles (1 Cor. 2)
    - i. A saved person has the Spirit of God inside and He leads them into all truth
    - ii. A saved person has repented, or changed his mind about his sin (transgressing God’s law) and recognizes that truth and authority come from God
  - b. A saved person has made Christ his master (Matt. 23:10)
2. **Surrender** yourself to God
  - a. As a saved person, your body is to be presented to God as a living sacrifice and be kept holy (Rom. 12:1)
  - b. Our minds are to be transformed, renewed (Rom. 12:2)
  - c. Do not pretend that somehow you can serve two masters (Matt. 6:24)
3. **Submit** to God’s authority (1 Sam. 15:23, James 4:7)
  - a. Only the Bible tells what God thinks
  - b. You cannot have the benefits of Godly living without fulfilling the prerequisites
  - c. Do not expect God’s blessings if you do not do things God’s way
    - i. Cain offered vegetables (Gen. 4:3-7)
    - ii. Moses struck the rock (Num. 20:11, 12)
    - iii. Saul offered sacrifices of animals that should have been destroyed (1 Sam. 15:13-35)
    - iv. Nadab & Abihu offered strange fire (Lev. 10:1, 2)
    - v. Ananias & Sapphira lied about their offering (Acts 5:1-11)
4. **Study** the Scriptures to know more of what God would have you do (2 Tim. 2:15)
5. **Seek** to please God (John 8:29, 2 Tim. 2:4, Heb. 11:6)
  - a. You are allowed to express your personal tastes only within the range of activities that are acceptable to God.
  - b. We cannot please God by serving our flesh (Rom. 8:7, 8)
6. **Separate** from that which is worldly and unholy (2 Cor. 6:17, 1 Pet. 1:15, 16)
7. **Strive** to serve God better (Heb. 12:1)
8. **Set a standard** based on Biblical principle, not personal taste or popular opinion
  - a. Realize that everyone draws the line somewhere
  - b. You should no more go home and listen to rock, rap, country or the blues, than run over to Wal-Mart and buy a carton of cigarettes, surf the Internet looking for pornography, or rob the local gas station. Certain things are off-limits for anyone striving to live a holy life.
9. **Serve Him** from a heart of love (John 14:15)
10. **Sing** to the Lord with a thankful heart (Psalm 40:1-3)