

## MUSTS IN THE MASTER'S LIFE

**Text: John 4:4; 3:14; I Corinthians 15:25**

**Key Word:** Must

**Key Thought:** We Need to Set Some Clear Priorities in Our Lives

There are certain things in life that we tend to focus upon. These are often referred to as our priorities. Another way of saying it is to suggest that they are the **MUSTS** of our lives. It's unfortunate that the "**Tyranny of the Urgent**" seems to creep into all of our lives and we miss out on what is really important. The more I study the life of Christ, the more I realize that He kept His priorities in focus. He maintained certain goals in spite of the many "**interruptions**" that came His way. He could have become sidetracked many times. But He consistently kept striving to achieve His list of MUSTS.

"If you sincerely want to change your life: RAISE YOUR STANDARDS. What changes people is when their "SHOULD" becomes "MUSTS."

Tony Robbins  
Fearless Motivation.com

### What Were Some of the Things That Jesus Set as Priorities in His Life?

**I. THE MUST OF SERVICE (John 4:4)**

**II. THE MUST OF SACRIFICE (John 3:14)**

**III. THE MUST OF SOVEREIGNTY (I Corinthians 15:25)**

#### **I. THE MUST OF SERVICE (John 4:4)**

**Our Lord's life was a supreme example of service.** People were the focus of His life. Many times, even under difficult situations, He met the needs of those around Him. Once after hearing of the death of John the Baptist (Matthew 14:12), Jesus went to a solitary place (Matthew 14:13). The crowds got word of where He was and brought their sick to Him. Jesus not only took care of their sickness, He also performed a miracle where 5,000 men were fed (Matthew 14:21).

The Bible makes it clear that Jesus came to serve the world.

*"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

*Mark 10:45*

## I. THE MUST OF SERVICE (John 4:4)(Contd.)

He also taught His disciples to follow His pattern.

*“If anyone wants to be first, he **must** be the very last, and the servant of all.”*

*Mark 9:35*

*“You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.*

*43. Not so with you. Instead whoever wants to become great among you **must** be your servant, 44. and whoever wants to be first **must** be slave of all.”*

*Mark 10:42-44*

### 5651 Divine Service Here

The Rev Alan Redpath tells of a lady of his acquaintance who has a little motto over her sink that reads as follows: Divine service is conducted here three times a daily. *“This is the type of industry Christ honors.”*

*Mrs. E. Levensgood*

The life of Jesus exemplified a life of service. He didn't practice taking short cuts. The story of the woman at the well is a case in point.

*“Now he had to (**must** needs - KJV) go through Samaria.”*

*John 4:4*

“This is not a geographical necessity; for, although, the main route from Judea to Galilee was through Samaria (Josephus Ant. XX.VI.1; #118), if Jesus was in the Jordan Valley (iii 22) he could easily have gone north through the valley and then up into Galilee through the Bethshan gap, avoiding Samaria.”

*Raymond Brown*

*“The Gospel According to John I-XII”*

*p. 169*

## I. THE MUST OF SERVICE (John 4:4)(Contd.)

The strict Jews would avoid entering Samaria by taking the longer route that went through the region beyond the Jordan. Jesus traveled this way because He was going to be given an opportunity to serve an outcast of the Samaritans. He kept devoted to His sense of mission. His acts of service brought Him strength.

*“But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you know nothing about . . . ‘  
34. ‘My food,’ said Jesus, ‘is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.’”*

*John 4:32,34*

## II. THE MUST OF SACRIFICE (John 3:14)

Service and sacrifice go hand in hand. A person who is willing to serve God and others must be willing to offer his/her life as a sacrifice for others. Simon, Andrew, James and John left their nets to follow Jesus (Mark 1:16-20). Levi left his tax collector booth to follow the Lord (Mark 2:13-14).

*“If anyone would come after me, he **must** deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”*

*Luke 9:23*

The words of Jesus made it clear to His disciples that they would have to be willing to offer their lives as a sacrifice for the Lord. **Taking up their cross daily, spoke volumes of truth about their required commitment.**

Just after Jesus had spoke to the rich young ruler who refused to give up his riches to follow Jesus, the disciples began to wonder if anyone would be saved from this life of temptations. Peter stood out as a proponent of sacrifice.

*“We have left everything to follow you!”  
29. ‘I tell you the truth,’ Jesus replied, ‘no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel  
30. will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields -- and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life.’”*

*Mark 10:28-30*

## II. THE MUST OF SACRIFICE (John 3:14)(Contd.)

Jesus displayed His commitment to a life of Sacrifice by paying the ultimate price. He was not just willing to face the old rugged cross. It was a must for Him.

*“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man **must** be lifted up.”*

*John 3:14*

It was not an easy thing for our Saviour to be crucified. Not only was it the most inhumane way of killing a person, it was also one that brought a terrible shame.

*“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: ‘Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.’”*

*Galatians 3:13*

### 5185 “We Already Died”

\*\*\* When James Calvert went to the cannibals on the Fiji Islands with the message of the Gospel, the captain of the ship in which he traveled sought to dissuade him.

*“You will risk your life and all those with you if you go among such savages,”* he said.

Calvert’s magnificent reply was, ***“We died before we came here.”*** And yet he would have been the last to talk about sacrifice; it was not a life of sacrifice, but of real pleasure.” \*\*\*

Paul Lee Tan  
Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations  
p. 1177

*“The altar of sacrifice is the touchstone of character.”*

O.P. Clifford

### III. THE MUST OF SOVEREIGNTY (I Corinthians 15:25)

*“Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.*

*25. For he **must** reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.*

*26. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”*

*I Corinthians 15:24-26*

The last priority or **MUST** in the life of Jesus that I’m going to speak about is that of His Sovereignty. The word “**sovereignty**” is not used in Scripture but its meaning is definitely portrayed through the life of Jesus. It means “**one who has supreme authority invested in them.**” No one else is above this person in the area that they govern. They have been granted the right to be the governing body whose decisions are final and unquestionable.

It is because our Lord was willing to walk the pathway of **Service** and **Sacrifice** that He can claim His rightful position as the **Sovereign Lord**. **The steps of this progression cannot be bypassed.** He conquered death in order that we also may have victory over the grave which is our final enemy. He paved the way for our eternal life.

The writer to the Hebrews also brought this truth to light when he wrote,

*“1:13 To which of the angels did God ever say, ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet?’ . . .*

*2:5 It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come . . .*

*7. You made him a little lower than the angels; **[service]** you crowned him with glory and honor*

*8. And put everything under his feet.’ In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him [sovereignty]. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him.*

*9. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death [sacrifice], so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.”*

*Hebrews 1:13; 2:5,7-9*

### III. THE MUST OF SOVEREIGNTY (I Corinthians 15:25)(Contd.)

There is nothing or no one today that is greater than Jesus Christ. He is indeed the ruler of all creation. Many have asked why is it that our world is in such a turmoil if that is true. The answer is simple. Jesus conquered His final enemy when He rose from the dead. Today we are simply waiting for the final confrontation when Satan will be given be sent to hell forever. **He is already defeated but the devil has not accepted the rules of the war.**

**Satan will be forced to surrender his illegal claim with such a humiliating defeat that he will be hurled into his final and eternal hell.** Jesus will be clearly seen as the One who has conquered all things. He will be given the reward of His faithfulness.

The day is soon approaching when the Rider on the white horse who is called Faithful and True will return to rule and reign forever. There will be a name written on His robe and thigh which will read,

***“KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS”***

*Revelation 19:16*

Nothing and no one will be able to stop this day from happening. Our God will rule and reign over everything He created. There will never be another act of rebellion to mar His wonderful creation. Sin and death will be cast into the lake of fire.

Why must this happen? It MUST happen because God’s plan is final. The MUSTS of the Master’s Life will find their completion as the books of life are closed to begin the new era of eternal life. Until that day comes, we have the privilege of becoming an offspring of this wonderful truth.

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