

# THE LORD'S BONDSLAVES

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## Introduction

What is a bonds slave of the Lord? Who are the bonds slaves of the Lord? Does that apply to me? Am I the bonds slave of the Lord? Am I supposed to be one of the bonds slaves of the Lord? Do I even want to be a bonds slave of the Lord? How? Why?

## 1. Who are the Lord's Bonds slaves?

A. Those who called themselves *bonds slaves/ bond-servants*.

Simeon

Paul

James

Peter

Jude

John

B. Individuals referred to by others as *bonds slaves/ bond-servants*.

Epaphras

Timothy

Tychicus

Moses

C. What we were.

D. What we are.

*Do you not know that ...you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

## **2. The Life of a Bondslave**

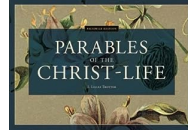
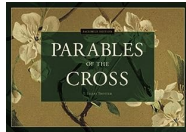
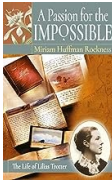
*I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it. Luke 7:8*

### 3. The Cost of being a Bondslave

*Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me. John 12:24-26*

*Philippians 2:5-8*

*And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and **take up his cross daily** and follow Me." Luke 9:23*



## 4. The Compelling Motivation of the Faithful Bondslave

### A. I Love my Master!



*This dandelion has long ago surrendered its golden petals and has reached its crowning stage of dying—the delicate seed globe must break up now—it gives and gives till it has nothing left.... There is no sense of wrenching: it stands ready, holding up its little life, not knowing when or where or how the wind that bloweth where it listeth may carry it away. It holds itself no longer for its own keeping, only as something to be given: a breath does the rest, turning the “readiness to win” into the “performance” (2 Cor. 8:11). And to a soul that through “deaths oft” has been brought to this point, even acts that look as if they must involve an effort, become something natural, spontaneous, full of a “heavenly involuntariness,” so simply are they the outcome of the indwelling love of Christ. ~Lilias Trotter*

### B. Remember the Slave Market!

### C. Remember whom you serve! *Colossians 3:24*

*Behold, the bondslave of the Lord; [Master,] may it be done to me according to your word. Luke 1:38*

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