Who is *Your* Lord?

I think most Christians could answer this question correctly, "Who is the Lord?" Most would give a credible, biblical answer: Only begotten Son of God, Messiah, Emmanuel, God with us, etc. But the question on the table here is, "Who is ***your*** lord? (It might not have a capital "L.")

When you consider how the culture is often driving serious decisions at many churches, we must wonder what happened to 2 Corinthians 5:9**, "Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him."** We might also ask whatever happened to Galatians 1:10**, "For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ."**

Likewise, we could wonder if God's people have forgotten 1 Corinthians 4:6**, "Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other."** (Notice that the ones changing God's word are described as "arrogant," not the ones holding fast to it. It may be the ultimate arrogance to think you know better than God!)

We know we must not add to nor take from God's word (Deut. 4:2; Prov. 30:6; Rev. 22:18). But few remember that all the way back to Solomon, God warned us, **"My son, fear the Lord and the king; Do not associate with those who are given to change, Prov. 24:21.**

I think I see a standard developing here. Oh, wait, "standard" hmmm, that rings a bell**, "Retain the *standard* of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.**" No wonder Paul wrote to the Philippians, **"…let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained. Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the *pattern* you have in us."**

Since God has given to us, "everything pertaining to life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3) let us show that we are making Him Lord or our personal lives by simply following the Book and not our own ideas, not adding to nor taking from His plan. **"There is way *which seems* right to a man, But its end is the way of death,"** Proverb 14:12. We must serve Him on His terms, biblical terms, if we are to truly make Jesus Lord in our own hearts. ***After all, it's how we love Him – John 14:14, "If you love Me you will keep my commandments."***

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