

Rewards in Heaven

1 Corinthians 3:5-15

1 Corinthians 3:5-15 ⁵ Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. ⁷ So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. ⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. ⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. ¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

1. If my work _____ I will receive a _____!

Wow --- that's a mouthful. Last week I talked about *The Rapture*. This week, I am talking about benefits! You know I ALWAYS say, "I work for the best Boss ever!" So, naturally the benefits are great.

Seriously, that says a lot.

Reward: (Webster's) a thing given in recognition of one's service, effort or achievement.

So, what are those rewards?

1 Corinthians 9:25 And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.

An imperishable crown.

1 Thessalonians 2:19 ¹⁹ For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? The believers won over are a crown.

1 Timothy 4:8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. A crown of righteousness.

2. Obviously, our _____ is the major _____.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ... All Spiritual Blessings. Yet...

Revelations 4:8-11

3. Who even wants _____?

Hebrews 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

Well I do --- for one. But I want them here --- If there is a hierarchy --- And there is.

Matthew 20:20-26

4. Work that does not _____ is _____ to the least.

Really --- any service!

Isaiah 40:10-11 ¹⁰ *Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him.* ¹¹ *He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.*

“Mike Desandro story”

Ephesians 1:3-14 A guaranteed inheritance.

----- “That’s my REWARD TODAY.”

How do we do it? By living grace-filled lives.

Romans 12:3-18

5. Do not think too _____ of _____.

.....Like you deserve a reward. The enemy ---- he held the highest position.

6. True _____ accepts others with _____.

I Corinthians 1:26-31

7. Let us _____ in the _____.

Easter is upon us.

I Corinthians 2:1-5

Let’s pray for a reward tonight.

Hebrews 11:6 ----- we must believe!

Let’s thank God for opportunities to serve as we await.

Matthew 24:45-51

Let’s thank our Holy God for our Savior!

8. _____ is our _____.

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