

Coming Home - The Father's Reward

Relationship- We do good works by staying in close friendship with Jesus. *1 Corinthians 3:10-15; John 15:5; Revelation 2:2-5a*

Right Heart Motivation- we do good works for God's glory- not for any recognition we may receive. *Matthew 6:1; 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Love- we do good works because we share the Father's compassion for His children. *1 Corinthians 13:3*

1. God rewards me for seeking Him through spiritual acts such as faith and prayer and knowing Him through His Word. *Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 6:6; Psalm 130:5*

2. God rewards me for working hard for my employer as an expression of working for Christ. *Ephesians 6:7-8; Ephesians 5:21; Colossians 3:22-25*

3. God rewards me for denying myself in order to accomplish His purposes. *Matthew 16:24-27*

4. God rewards me for serving another in Jesus name. *Mark 9:41; Matthew 12:35-37*

5. God rewards me for suffering for His name and reputation. *Luke 6:22-23*

6. God rewards me for sacrificing for His sake. *Matthew 19:29; Luke 6:35-36*

7. God rewards me for giving my time, talent and treasure to further His Kingdom. *Matthew 6:3-4; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; 1 Corinthians 3:6-8; Matthew 20:20-23; Luke 19:12-24; Matthew 25:14-29; Matthew 24:45-47*

Rewards that God will be giving faithful servants:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Honor</u>	<u>Commendation</u>
<u>Leadership</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Celebration</u>

Next week's reading guide:

Joshua 1:1-5
Joshua 1:6-9
Joshua 1:10-15
Joshua 1:16-18
Hebrews 11:1-6
Hebrews 11:7-13
Hebrews 11:14-16

Discussion Questions:

1. Which of the 7 rewardable works would you say come easiest to you? Which are most difficult?
2. Is there a situation or relationship in your life you need to change your response to out of "reverence for Christ", because it would bring more glory to Him?
3. Do you consider yourself a 5 bag, 2 bag, or 1 bag steward? Why?
4. How are you doing at investing the talents and treasure the Master has entrusted you? Are you risking it all for the Kingdom, or are you "safely" burying your talent in the ground?
5. How motivating to you is it to understand that there are eternal rewards waiting for you if you are faithful to invest your life in the Kingdom? How does it motivate you? What are you going to do about it?