

Our Future



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Our future includes...

A. a new body

2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

² For indeed in this *house* we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven;

³ inasmuch as we, having put it on, shall not be found naked.

⁴ For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, in order that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

B. going home

⁵ Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.

⁶ Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord--

⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight--

⁸ we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

C. rewards

⁹ Therefore also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

¹¹ Therefore knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences.

Examples of what God Rewards

1. G____-pleasing ambition

2 Corinthians 5:9 ...we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

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2. The product of a _____

2 Corinthians 4:17 ... momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

¹⁸ while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

3. The product of p_____

Luke 6:22 "Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and cast insults at you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man.

²³ "Be glad in that day, and leap *for joy*, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets

4. Q_____ work

1 Corinthians 3:5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one.

⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.

⁷ So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.

⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But let each man be careful how he builds upon it.

¹¹ For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

¹² Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

¹³ each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is *to be* revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.

¹⁴ If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward.

¹⁵ If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.

5. Q_____ motives

Matthew 6:1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

² "When therefore you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

³ "But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing

⁴ that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

⁵ "And when you pray, you are not to be as the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners, in order to be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

⁶ "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

6. Faithful s_____

Luke 19:11-27 (not printed due to the length of the passage and our attempt to save trees)

7. Love, acceptance and sacrifice for o_____ a_____

Romans 14:9 For to this end Christ died and lived *again*, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰ But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God.

¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall give praise to God."

¹² So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.

¹³ Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this-- not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.

8. G_____

Luke 14:13 "But when you give a reception, invite *the* poor, *the* crippled, *the* lame, *the* blind,

¹⁴ and you will be blessed, since they do not have *the means* to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

9. Doing g_____

1 Timothy 6:18 *Instruct them* to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

¹⁹ storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

10. Loving e_____

Luke 6:35 "... love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil *men*.

³⁶ "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

11. S_____ to employer and employees

Colossians 3:22 Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who *merely* please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

²³ Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men;

²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

²⁵ For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.

12. Sharing the g_____

1 Corinthians 9:16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel.

¹⁷ For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me.

¹⁸ What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel without charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

¹⁹ For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more.