

#5 The Heavenly Awards Ceremony

1. THE PROMISE OF FUTURE REWARDS

Revelation 22:12 (NIV) *Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.*

1 Corinthians 4:5 (NIV) *Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.*

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV) *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.*

Romans 14:12 (NIV) *So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.*

2 Timothy 4:8 (NIV) *Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.*

1 Corinthians 9:24 (NIV) *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.*

2. A PICTURE OF THE EXAMINATION

1 Corinthians 3:10 (NIV) *By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds.* **11** *For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.* **12** *If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw,* **13** *his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.* **14** *If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.* **15** *If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.*

3. A CATALOG OF WORTHY DEEDS

A. Purely-Motivated Acts of **RIGHTEOUSNESS** – MATTHEW 6:1-4

B. Eternal **INVESTMENTS** – MATTHEW 6:19-20; LUKE 16:9

C. Faithful Stewardship of **GIFTS**, Abilities, & Opportunities – I CORINTHIANS 4:2; MATTHEW 25:21

D. Sincere Acts of Generosity and **KINDNESS** - I TIMOTHY 6:17-19
   1) especially to God's people – HEBREWS 6:10; GALATIANS 6:10
   2) especially to those who cannot repay – LUKE 14:13-14; MATTHEW 10:42
   3) especially to your enemies – LUKE 6:35

E. Gladly Sacrificing And Even **SUFFERING** For The Sake Of Christ – MATTHEW 5:11-12; ROMANS 8:18

4. THE NATURE OF FUTURE REWARDS

A. Verbal Commendation from the Master: "**WELL DONE**!"

Matthew 25:23 (NIV) *"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!*

B. Entrustments of Responsibility in the **KINGDOM AGE**

Luke 19:17 (NIV) *"'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.'*

C. Victory '**CROWNS**'

1 Corinthians 9:25 (NIV) *Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.*

D. **TREASURE** in Heaven

Mark 10:21 (NIV) *Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."*

Luke 12:33 (NIV) *Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.*

My Key Takeaway from "The 30-Day Eternity Challenge"…

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