

OUR LABORS FOR GOD, ARE OUR TREASURES IN HEAVEN

LET US NEVER FORGET: There is a VAST DIFFERENCE between our **SALVATION** and our **REWARDS**:
SALVATION IS EVERYTHING about **WHAT JESUS DID for US** at the CROSS, while
REWARDS ARE EVERYTHING about **WHAT WE DID for JESUS** here in this LIFE.
So, **WE don't WORK TO BE SAVED**; WE WORK **BECAUSE WE ARE SAVED**.

Our LIFE and TIME ON EARTH, is Our TIME for **LAYING UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN**.
In Our **SALVATION**, there are MANY BENEFITS other than being SAVED from HELL.
WE are given the PRIVILEGE of **LAYING UP TREASURES in HEAVEN**:

“But LAY UP for YOURSELVES TREASURES in HEAVEN,
where neither MOTH nor RUST doth CORRUPT,
and where THIEVES do not BREAK THROUGH nor STEAL.” Matt. 6: 20

EACH DAY WE LIVE, WE'RE making a RECORD that will stand for ETERNITY.
LET US PURPOSE in our HEARTS to **REDEEM the TIME**, and with each NEW DAY,
WATCH for Your **GOD GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES** to **LAY UP TREASURES in HEAVEN**.

GOD's PEOPLE have **ETERNAL LIFE**, but MANY ARE NOT **REAPING** the **BENEFITS** of their **ETERNAL LIFE**.
So in THIS LIFE, WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL as to **HOW WE SOW**:

“BE NOT DECEIVED; GOD is NOT MOCKED:
for **WHATSOEVER a MAN SOWETH, THAT** shall **HE** also **REAP.**”
For **He that SOWETH to his FLESH** shall of the **FLESH REAP CORRUPTION;**
but **HE that SOWETH to the SPIRIT** shall of the **SPIRIT REAP LIFE EVERLASTING.**”
And LET US **NOT BE WEARY in WELL DOING:**
for **IN DUE SEASON WE shall REAP, IF WE FAINT NOT.**” Gal. 6: 7, 8, 9

GOD SAVES Our **SOUL** through SALVATION, but
WE must SAVE Our **LIFE** by Our OBEDIENCE to GOD'S WORD and Our WALK of FAITH.
Indeed, WE will REAP WHAT WE SOW in this **LIFE**, as well as in **ETERNITY**.

GOD gave US our LIFE here, so that WE might be about the Father's Business and **SPEND IT for His GLORY**.
EVERY DAY of Our LIVES, WE'RE EXCHANGING IT for SOMETHING in VIEW of ETERNITY.

“For WHOSOEVER will SAVE his LIFE (Live for Self) shall LOSE IT (in Heaven): and
WHOSOEVER will LOSE his LIFE (Live for the Lord) for My Sake shall FIND IT (in Heaven).” Matt. 16:25

“ONLY ONE LIFE, 'T WILL SOON BE PAST; ONLY WHAT'S DONE FOR CHRIST WILL LAST.”
- Charles T. Studd

For a BELIEVER to **SAVE his LIFE**, HE must have **WORKS** that **HONOR** and **GLORIFY GOD**.
While the CHRISTIAN's **SOUL** is **SAVED**, yet HIS **LIFE** can be **LOST**
unless HE BUILDS PROPERLY upon CHRIST the great FOUNDATION.

Certainly, Our **SALVATION** is the **GIFT of GOD**, but WE must **EARN** Our **REWARD**.
The DESIRE in the HEART of EVERY CHRISTIAN should be
TO WORK for the **GLORY of GOD**, because of the **LOVE WE HAVE** in our **HEARTS** for the **LORD**.

IN HEAVEN, BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST, ALL BELIEVERS MUST APPEAR:

“For **WE MUST ALL APPEAR** before the **JUDGMENT SEAT of CHRIST**;
that **EVERY ONE** may **RECEIVE** the **THINGS DONE in HIS BODY**,
according to that **HE HATH DONE**, whether it be **GOOD** or **BAD**.”

II Cor. 5:10

WE BUILD WITH: GOLD, SILVER, & PRECIOUS STONES, or WOOD, HAY, & STUBBLE:

“For **OTHER FOUNDATION** can NO MAN **LAY** than that is **LAI**D, which is **JESUS CHRIST**.

Now if ANY MAN **BUILD upon this FOUNDATION**

GOLD, SILVER, PRECIOUS STONES, WOOD, HAY, and STUBBLE;

EVERY MAN’s **WORK** shall be made **MANIFEST**:

for the **DAY** shall **DECLARE IT**, because **IT SHALL BE REVEALED** by **FIRE**;

and the **FIRE** shall **TRY** EVERY MAN’s **WORK** of WHAT SORT IT IS.

If ANY MAN’s **WORK** ABIDE which HE hath **BUILT THEREUPON**, HE shall **RECEIVE** a **REWARD**.

If ANY MAN’s **WORK** shall be **BURNED**, HE shall **SUFFER LOSS**:

but **HE HIMSELF** shall be **SAVED**; YET SO AS BY **FIRE**.”

I Cor. 3: 11-15

“And EVERY MAN shall **RECEIVE HIS OWN REWARD** according to HIS **OWN LABOUR**.”

I Cor 3: 8 b

When a **BELIEVER YIELDS HIS LIFE to GOD**, and **WALKS** after the **SPIRIT**,

HE **BUILDS** with **GOLD, SILVER**, and **PRECIOUS STONES**, but

When a **BELIEVER DOES NOT YIELD HIS LIFE to GOD**, and **WALKS** after the **FLESH**,

HE **BUILDS** with **WOOD, HAY**, and **STUBBLE**.

(I Cor. 3: 11-15)

At the **JUDGMENT SEAT of CHRIST**, the **BELIEVER’s LIFE’s WORKS** will be **TRIED BY FIRE**.

WORKS symbolized by **WOOD, HAY**, and **STUBBLE** will be **CONSUMED** by the **FIRE**,

WORKS symbolized by **GOLD, SILVER**, and **PRECIOUS STONES** will **REMAIN** a **HEAVENLY REWARD**.

“The **FIRE** shall **TRY** EVERY MAN’s **WORK** of WHAT SORT IT IS.”

I Cor. 3: 13 b

AT THE **JUDGMENT SEAT of CHRIST**, **GOD** will **JUDGE** our **LIFE’s WORKS** according to:

The **LIGHT of GOD’s WORD** that has been **SHED UPON** Our **PATHWAY**, and

The **DEGREE of that LIGHT** that **WE WALKED IN**.

LET US **SO YIELD** our **LIVES to GOD**, that **WHEN WE COME BEFORE** the **JUDGMENT SEAT of CHRIST**,

WE will have a **FULL REWARD**.

MANY of **GOD’s PEOPLE** will **NOT HAVE** a **FULL REWARD**, and

SOME will have **NO REWARD** at all.

LET US **SO LIVE** that **WE** will **NOT COME BEFORE** the **LORD EMPTY HANDED**.

MANY of **GOD’s dear PEOPLE** will get inside the **PEARLY GATES** by the “**SKIN of their TEETH**,”

with **NO REWARD** awaiting them—because of a **WASTED LIFE**.

These are **THOSE** who were at one time **BORN AGAIN**, but did not

STAY under the **SOUND** of the **GOSPEL** and **GROW UP** in the **LORD**.

THOSE who **LABOR** because **THEY ARE CHRISTIANS**, and **DO IT AS UNTO** the **LORD**, will be **REWARDED**.

IN HEAVEN, AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST:

THERE WILL BE A GREAT REWARD RECEIVED BY THE CHRISTIAN FOR:

BEING OBEDIENT TO GOD’S WORD (or **WALKING in the LIGHT of GOD’S WORD**)

GLORIFYING GOD in our BODIES and in our SPIRITS

(Living Your LIFE in a manner which brings GLORY to GOD)

HONORING GOD IN OUR “PLANS AND PURPOSES”

(Putting GOD FIRST in your LIFE, or **SEEKING FIRST the KINGDOM of GOD**)

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OUR “GOD-GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES”

(To **SHARE JESUS WITH OTHERS**)

GIVING GOD ALL THE PRAISE AND GLORY FOR OUR “ACCOMPLISHMENTS”

For being REVILED, PERSECUTED, and FALSELY ACCUSED:

“**BLESSED** are YE, when **MEN** shall **REVILE YOU**, and **PERSECUTE YOU**,
and shall **SAY ALL MANNER of EVIL** AGAINST YOU **FALSELY**, for **My SAKE**.

REJOICE, and be exceeding **GLAD**: for **GREAT** is your **REWARD** in **HEAVEN**:

for so **PERSECUTED** THEY the **PROPHETS** which were before YOU. ”Matt. 5: 11, 12

THERE WILL BE CROWNS FOR THE CHRISTIAN TO WIN:

AN INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN	For BEING TEMPERATE (Keeping our BODILY APPETITES under Subjection to the SPIRIT of GOD).	(I Cor. 9: 25)
A CROWN of LIFE	For OVERCOMING TEMPTATION	(James 1: 12, Rev. 2:10)
A CROWN of GLORY	For BEING AN EXAMPLE to the BELIEVER	(I Pet. 5: 3,4)
A CROWN of REJOICING	For WINNING SOULS to the LORD	(I Thess. 2: 19,20)
A CROWN of RIGHTEOUSNESS	For KEEPING the FAITH (Being faithful in our Christian Life and Service)	(II Tim. 4: 6,7,8)

When Our **BODIES** are laid down in **DEATH**, all our **EARTHLY POSSESSIONS** will be **LEFT BEHIND**.

Only the **TREASURES** that WE’VE LAID UP in **HEAVEN** will **ENDURE** throughout **ETERNITY**.

“For WE BROUGHT **NOTHING** into this **WORLD**, and it is certain WE can **CARRY NOTHING OUT**.” I Tim. 6:7

So LET US **LABOR FAITHFULLY** for the **LORD**,

so that **WHEN WE STAND** before **CHRIST**, WE may **HEAR** our **LORD SAY**:

“**WELL DONE**, thou **GOOD** and **FAITHFUL SERVANT** **ENTER THOU INTO** the **JOY of THY LORD**.”

Matt. 25:21

“For so **AN ENTRANCE** shall be **MINISTERED UNTO YOU ABUNDANTLY**

into the **EVERLASTING KINGDOM** of our **LORD** and **SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST**.” II Pet. 1: 11

For **ALL** that **HONORS GOD** and brings **PRAISE** and **GLORY** to the **NAME of CHRIST**,
will bring a **GREAT RECOMPENSE** of **HEAVENLY REWARD**.

There is a very truthful Old Song that says it perfectly:

“IT PAYS **TO SERVE JESUS**, IT PAYS **EVERYDAY**, IT PAYS **EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!**”

