

Divine Principles for Rewarding Saints

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1. Jesus will judge our deeds, our words, our thoughts, and our motives. (2 Cor. 5:10, Lk. 12:3, Mt. 12:36-37)
2. Only what Christ through the Holy Spirit produces in our lives has any value at the bema. (Jn. 15:5)
3. Jesus will reward us according to our persevering faith in God and His promises.
4. Jesus will reward us in proportion to our faithful and wise stewardship. ((Mt. 25:14-30)
5. At the bema Jesus will take into account how we responded to the Word of God. (Ps. 19)
6. At the bema, Jesus will be concerned with the purity of our lives.(1 Cor. 9:27; 1 John 2:27-33)
7. At the bema, Jesus will take into account how long we have been saved. (Mt. 20.1-16)
8. Jesus will reward us according to our secondary involvement in the ministry of others. (Mt. 10:40-42)
9. If we judge others , Jesus will apply our standards when He judges us.(Mt. 7:1-2)
10. Jesus will reward us for the results of our ministry in the lives of others. (1 Thes. 2:19)
11. Teachers will receive the stricter judgment. (James 3:1)
12. Not only production but contribution to production will receive reward. (1 Cor. 3:6-8)

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How do we earn rewards in heaven? The COST of eternal rewards.

A. Preface: Eternal life is a FREE GIFT received by faith. (Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; Rev. 22:17)

B. Eternal rewards are a WAGE earned by good works. (1 Cor. 3:8; Col. 3:23-24; 2 John 8; Rev. 22:12)

i. Enduring trials of all kinds (Jas. 1:12)

ii. Diligently seeking God (Heb. 11:6)

iii. Martyrdom (Rev. 2:10)

iv. Overcoming sin (Rev. 2:7, 2:17; 3:4-5; 3:12; 3:21; 21:7)

v. Perseverance (Rev. 2:26)

vi. Faithful pastoral work (1 Pet. 5:4)

vii. Longing for Christ’s appearing (2 Tim. 4:8)

viii. Leading others to Christ (1 Thess. 2:19)

ix. Faithfulness to Christ (1 Cor. 4:1-5)

x. Hospitality (Matt. 10:40-42)

xi. Diligence in your Christian walk (1 Cor. 9:24-27; Heb. 6:11-12; 2 Pet. 1:10-11)

xii. Good stewardship of the gifts Christ has given you (Luke 19:11-27)

xiii. Enduring persecution (Matt. 5:11-12; 2 Tim. 2:12; Heb. 10:36)

xiv. Remaining in close fellowship with Christ (1 John 2:28)

xv. Unwavering commitment to Christ (Matt. 16:24-27)

xvi. Doing good works with the right motive (Col. 3:23-24; 1 Cor. 4:5)

xvii. Benevolence toward the poor (Mk. 10:21; Lk. 12:32-33; 1 Tim. 6:17-19)

xviii. Serving Christ wholeheartedly (Jn. 12:26)

xix. Consistency in good works (Titus 3:8)

xx. Confessing your faith before men (Matt. 10:32)

xxi. Ministering to other Christians (Heb. 6:10)

xxii. Loving Christ (John 14:21)xxiii. Following the Spirit and not the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21; 6:7-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Eph. 5:3-5)