

THE REWARDING JESUS

THE DISCLOSURE OF THE END OF THE AGE IS THE 'REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST' (REVELATION 1:1)

PAUL WARNS AGAINST EGO IN THE APOSTOLIC (1 Corinthians 3:1-8) THIS ISN'T ABOUT US. ITS ABOUT JESUS AND HIS ETERNAL PURPOSES (Ephesians 3).

I. JESUS IS EAGER TO REWARD US

- A. Yes, He is our reward (Genesis 15:1) and He rewards those who love Him. (Revelation 22:12)
- B. The Sermon on the Mount, aka the constitution of the Kingdom, is rife with enticement to reward.
 - 1) to live for reward is to live for eternity (Matthew 5:11-12, 19, 43-48; Matthew 6:1-4, 6, 16-18, 20)
- C. How we steward what we've been given now effects what we'll be trusted with in eternity. (Matthew 25:14-30)
 - 1) reward (vs 20-23)
 - 2) curse and consequence (vs 25-30)
 - 3) crowns (Revelation 4:10)
 - a. The apostolic father is encouraging us to run in such a way that we win (1 Corinthians 9:24-25), not out of selfish ambition but because we can have as much of Jesus as we want (Philippians 3:7-8)
 - b. Jesus is faithful to help us when we stumble (Isaiah 42:3)
- D. There is no ego in the apostolic. (Philippians 3:12-16, Genesis 15:1)

II. THE APOSTOLIC CONFIDENCE: REWARDS > MANIPULATION

- A. Jesus is a rewarding Jesus: He sees your life in the secret and will reward you publicly if you are a "good, faithful servant." (1 Corinthians 3:14) Jesus was not manipulative, so the apostles were not manipulative, either.
 - 1) Encouragement for Reward
 - a. Colossians 3:24
 - b. 1 Corinthians 4:5
 - 2) Do Difficult Things. Die Without Regret
 - a. 1 John 2:28
 - b. 2 John 1:8
 - 3) Jesus Is Your Exceedingly Great Reward
 - a. 1 Peter 1:8-9



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III. WE ALL DIE BEFORE SEEING OUR 'HUNDREDFOLD'

- A. Jesus will not forget to reward us ([Matthew 19:27-30](#); [Hebrews 6:10](#), [Matthew 10:42](#))
- B. Jesus wants us to bear much enduring fruit, which He will reward us for ([John 1:50](#), [John 15:16](#))
- C. Things that are ordained will come to pass; we just submit ourselves to Him ([Ephesians 2:10](#))
- D. Jesus is coming soon, and He will reward you for everything that obedience cost you in this age ([Revelation 22:12](#))