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We Start With: Where We Are Now

2 Corinthians 4:1 (NIV84) — 1 Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.

WE HAVE A MINISTRY: (2 Cor. 3:18)
1. We Are To Reflect The Lord’s Glory
2. We Are To Be Transformed Into His Likeness & Glory
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2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV84) — 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

• This Age That We Are A Part Of Has An Optics Problem
• It Is A Problem With Spiritual Vision -- & Blinded Minds

• People Who Should See The Glory Of God -- Comprehend The Gospel Of Christ -- Recognize And Value The Plain Truth In All Of Life -- Do Not!
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Jesus In His Earthly Ministry Told Us Something About Where This Type Of Thing Comes From

John 10:10 (NIV84) — 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

We Have A Declared Enemy: We Are Living In A Time Of Grand Scale Delusion And Deception Fueled By This Destroyer Of Life.
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Today Almost Everything That God Has Done. And Almost All The Truths He Has Declared Are Under Attack

The Two Books Under The Greatest Attack Seem To Be Genesis – The Book Of Beginnings And Revelation The Book Of The End

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God Is The Designer -- He Created Everything With Order

His Order Was Seen From The Very Beginning Including His Crowning Creation Of Man And Woman

In Male & Female – And He Designed A Way For Them To Do Life Together And Build Healthy And Happy Families Thru The Institution Of Marriage

Those Ideas From God And His Original Design Are Under Attack Today – Like Never Before
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When People Reject God, They Soon Reject The Truths Of How He Designed And Made Anything And Everything In Creation

Rejection Of God And His Truths Always Leads To Delusion And Debased Thinking

- The Truth Is Attacked And Destroyed.
- The Truth Teller Is Virulently Opposed And Then Cancelled.
- Anything Not Part Of The Anti-God Narrative Is Rejected.
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We Are Called To Shine Christ’s Light Into The Darkness Of This World

2 Corinthians 4:6–8 (NIV84) — 6 For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;

We Experience All Life Throws At Us -- Yet It Does Not Take Away The Great Truth That Is Jesus Christ Is The Light Of The World -- In Us
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2 Corinthians 4:16–5:1 (NIV84) — 16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 5:1 Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

These Are The Earthly Tents We Live In They Are Not Our Lasting Focus

• Because We Have An Eternal Home
• Whose Maker And Builder Is The Lord
The Important Next Focus

2 Corinthians 5:9–10 (NIV84) — 9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 10 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.

The Life You Live Today Will Determine Your Life In Eternity.
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The Idea Of Heavenly Rewards Was Created And Comes From The Heart Of God

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV84) — 58 Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Our Level And Degree Of Faithfulness And Sacrifice In This Life Will Count For Rewards For Eternity
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From Genesis To Revelation

The Message Is: God Has A Reward Awaiting The Righteous

Psalm 62:12 ; Proverbs 11:18; Isaiah 40:10

Romans 2:6 (NIV84) — 6 God “will give to each person according to what he has done.”
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- **JESUS**: When You Give, When You Pray, When You Fast, Your Father Who Sees What Is Done In Secret Will Reward You

Matthew 16:27 (NIV84) — 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.

Revelation 22:12 (NIV84) — 12 “Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.
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It Will Be Worth It All When We See Jesus

A Time Of Rewards Is Coming -- These Rewards Should Motivate Us They Are Awaiting The Faithful In Glory

Ephesians 2:8–9 (NIV84) — 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

Our Works Do Not Save Us-- Yet They Testify That We Have Been Saved And That Christ Is Alive In Us
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How Do Faith And Works Fit Together In Our Lives?

Key #1: Your belief determines where you will spend eternity.
Key #2: Your behavior determines how you will spend eternity.


We Are Not Saved By What We Do But By What Christ Has Done.

Our Belief Causes Us To Act On Our Faith – Those Actions Do Not Go Unnoticed But Will Lead To Eternal Rewards
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Salvation Comes By Belief
Rewards Come By Behavior

Faith Determines Where We Spend Eternity,
Works Determine How We Spend Eternity

Eternal Destination Is Determined By Belief
Eternal Compensation Is Determined By Behavior

Redemption Come From = Christ’s Work For Us
Rewards Come From = Our Works For Christ
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Who Will Be Judged?  All Believers

Romans 14:10 (NIV84) — 10 You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God’s judgment seat.

Romans 14:12 (NIV84) — 12 So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV84) — 10 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.

We Will All Stand Before The Judgment
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When Does This Judgment Take Place? When The Lord Comes

1 Corinthians 4:5 (NIV84) — 5 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.

On That Day Everything We Have Done Will Be Approved For Rewards

1 Corinthians 3:12–15 (NIV84) — 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.
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The Rewards Awaiting As A Consequence Of The Judgment: Based On Our Rewarder--God Who Is Faithful And Good

Those Who Have Been Faithful Seeking The Lord Will Be Rewarded

This Reward Is Where Righteousness Pays Off

Proverbs 11:18 (NIV84) — 18 The wicked man earns deceptive wages, but he who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.
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The Awards Of The Lord Are Great Indeed

Genesis 15:1 (NIV84) — 1 After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

These Heavenly Rewards Are Assured For God’s Earthly Servants

They Are In Proportion To What You Have Done

1 Corinthians 3:8 (NIV84) — 8 The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor.
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This Will Happen When Christ Comes
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The Rewards Will Be Enjoyed In The Life To Come

These Rewards Are Eternal
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There Will Be Rewards And Some Regrets At This Judgment Depending On What We Have Built Our Lives On

1 Corinthians 3:14–15 (NIV84) — 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.

The Regret Will Be For Those Whose Work Is Burned Up
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What Will These Rewards Consist Of?

Crowns of Christians:

Joy 1 Thess. 2:19

Righteousness 2 Tim. 4:8

Life James 1:12

Glory 1 Pet. 5:4

Imperishable 1 Cor. 9:25
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Don’t Lose Your Crown
Revelation 3:11 (NIV84) — 11 I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

A Great Time Of Worship Involving These Crowns
Revelation 4:10–11 (NIV84) — 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: 11 “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”
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What Are The Rewards?

Privileges For The Faithful
- Perks That Are Set Aside -- Special Treatment By The Lord

Praise To The Faithful
- Matthew 25:21 (NIV84) — 21 His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!

Positions Of Authority For The Faithful
- “You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.”
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*We Have Seen That Obedience Does Count:*
- What We Do Now Does Matter

We Make It Our Ambition To Be Pleasing To The Lord
We Do All We Can, While We Can,
- One Day We Will Stand Before The Lord

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We Have A Goal

- To Please Him
- To Reflect His Glory
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