

**Rewards:** definition from the Greek: *pay* for service (literally or figuratively), good or bad: - hire, reward, wages.

**Rev 22:12:** And behold, I am coming quickly, and My **reward** is with Me, to give to each according as his work is.

### **1 Timothy 6:17-19**

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up **treasure** for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

### **Ephesians 6:8**

Knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.

### **2 Corinthians 5:10**

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

### **1 Corinthians 3:12-15**

Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a **reward**. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

### **Matthew 16:27**

For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He shall reward each one according to his works.

### **Jeremiah 17:10**

“I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.”

### **Genesis 15:1**

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your **reward** shall be very great.”

### **Hebrews 13:16**

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

### **Psalms 19:9-11**

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great **reward**.

### **Proverbs 11:18**

The wicked earns deceptive wages, but one who sows righteousness gets a sure **reward**.

### **Colossians 3:24**

Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your **reward**. You are serving the Lord Christ.

**Rewards** are a key component of God’s strategy for us to stay the course and serve Him. When I was first a Christian, the only slogan from the body was, don’t give your life to IBM, but to Christ. Don’t give your life to the World but to Christ and the Church. Upon reflection, IBM offered me a

**reward** in income and social prestige that Christ didn't. The concept that there was a benefit/reward to serving God now was not introduced to me until 20 years later. Now I may have been hard of hearing or maybe it wasn't being taught. God intends to motivate us by His rewards.

Therefore, I suggest to you that you have a focus on God's reward in 2019 and every week have a specific objective of serving God in hopes of storing up a reward for your action. As we always say this is not selfish or mercenary but rather working towards you best interest.

Questions:

1. Do you know how to be accruing rewards in Heaven?
  2. What are the three parables that Jesus taught on rewards?  
What did you learn from them?
  3. What is my plan going forward this year?
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Another verse for your consideration:

**Mat 6:19** Do not lay up treasures on earth for yourselves, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal.

**Mat 6:20** But lay up treasures in Heaven for yourselves, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.

**Mat 6:21** For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Questions for your thinking:

1. What is a treasure to you and what is a treasure to Jesus?
2. How do you lay up treasures?
3. Is it true that even though I believe in Jesus and love him, if my treasure is in this world, I love it more than Jesus?

Make this year count for you and the Kingdom.