

Preparing for Judgment

"For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son." John 5:22

How do you prepare for the day when you must stand before Jesus and be judged by Him? Obviously, you must school yourself in being His obedient slave. As Jesus Himself modeled: "...I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me."¹ **More than life, you want to please your Master, even if it means appearing foolish in the sight of others.**

A slave should have no expectations. If you view yourself as the property of Jesus Christ, and He does something you do not like, if He offends your sense of justice, that is His prerogative. When you take His yoke, you go and do what He wants, not what you want. You are involved in the lives of people because that is His will for your life. **Again and again Scripture reminds you that people will abuse you.** Even though you are fair, helpful, and kind to others, it is unrealistic to expect others to treat you the same way.

Because you understand your depravity and propensity to sin, you prepare for Judgment by living a life of perpetual repentance before Him. You are best served if you condemn yourself before God and hope that He will see things differently when He judges you, rather than justifying yourself and finding that He sees things differently when He judges you.

¹ John 5:30