

THE BELIEVER'S FINAL INSPECTION

1 Corinthians 3:10-15



1 Corinthians 3:10-12

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—



1 Corinthians 3:13-15

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.



Daniel Webster

“The greatest thought that has ever entered my mind is that I will have to stand before a holy God and give an account of my life.”



I. How To Prepare For Life's Final Inspection

1 Corinthians 3:10-15



Are We Living Our Life As God Designed It?

10a According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it.



Are We Faithful Stewards Of God's Building Assignment ?

10b Let each one take care how he builds upon it.



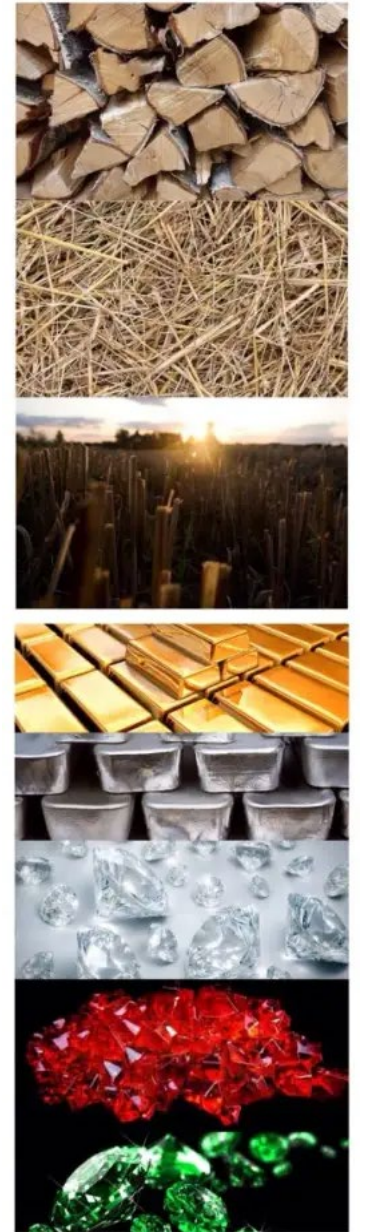
Did We Build Our Lives Upon The Foundation Of Christ Or Self?

¹¹For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.



Did We Pursue Eternal Values Or Temporal Values?

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Did We Build Knowing There's A Final Inspection ?

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II. What To Expect When Inspected

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Who? Believers

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.



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When?

Between the Rapture and Second Coming

- **2 Timothy 4:1** I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead **at His appearing** and His kingdom

When?

Between the Rapture and Second Coming

- **Matthew 16:27** For the **Son of Man will come** in the glory of His Father with His angels, and **then He will reward** each according to his works.

When?

Between the Rapture and Second Coming

- **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

When?

Between the Rapture and Second Coming

- **Revelation 19:8** And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Where? Heaven



Why?

**To Reveal If Our
Hidden Motives
Are For God's
Glory Or Self-
Serving
Reasons**

1 Corinthians 4:5

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

How?

Determining Works To Be Of Eternal Or Temporal Value

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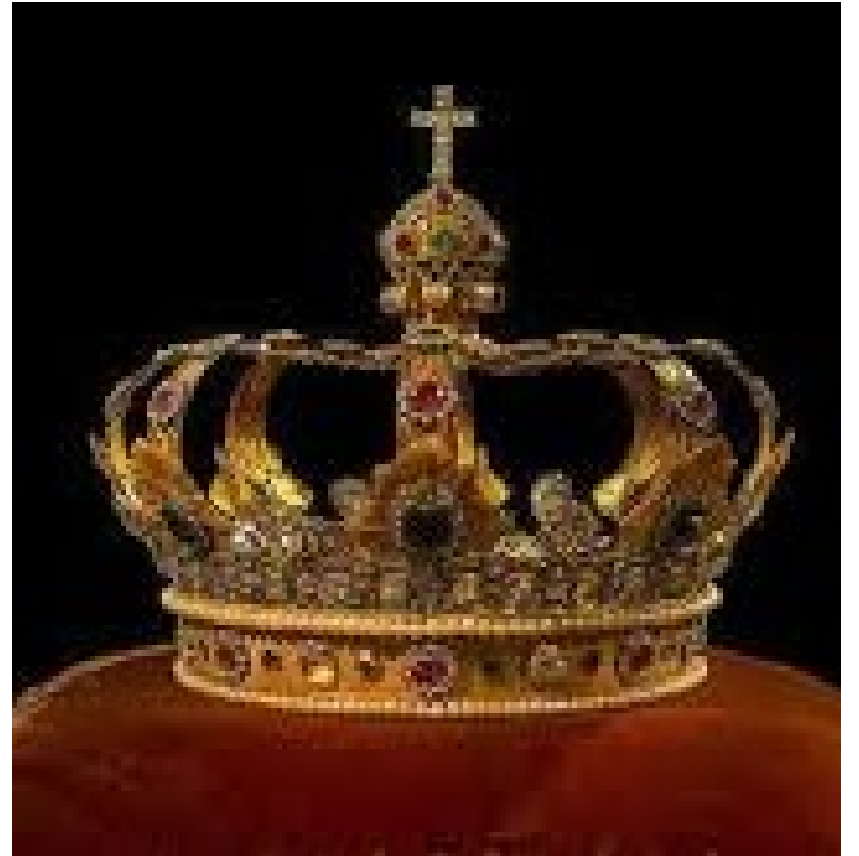
What?

**God Will
Reward With
Responsibilities,
Praise And
Crowns**

- Greater Responsibilities In The Kingdom (Mt 25:19-23; Lk 19:16-19)
- Joy And Fellowship (Mt 25:21, 23; 1 Pet 4:12-13)
- God's Commendation (Mt 5:21)
- Heavenly Crowns

The Reward Of Heavenly Crowns

- The Imperishable Crown (1 Cor 9:25)
- The Crown Of Righteousness (2 Tim 4:7-8)
- The Crown Of Rejoicing (1 Thes 2:19-20)
- The Crown Of Glory (1 Pet 5:4)
- The Crown of Life (James 1:12)





Revelation 4:10b-11



- 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.”



Conclusion

Purpose

- Purpose Your Life According To God's Blueprint

Take

- Take Responsibility For How You Live Your Life

Make

- Make Christ The Basis Of All You Do

Value

- Value Eternal Things Over Temporal

Be

- Be Prepared To Present Our Life For Final Inspection