



## Look Hard

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**2 Corinthians 5:10**

“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone *according to* what he has done.”

**Revelation 22:12**

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Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged *more* strictly.

**James 3:1**

“From everyone who has been given much, *much will be demanded*; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, *much MORE* will be asked.”

### **Luke 12:48**

Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called *least in the kingdom of heaven*, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called *great in the kingdom of heaven*.

### **Matthew 5:19**

"The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.' " 'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of *ten* cities.' "The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.' "His master answered, 'You take charge of *five* cities.' "Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.' "His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?' "Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.' " 'Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!' "He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, *but as for the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away.*'"

### **Luke 19:16-26**

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 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. If what he has built survives, *he will receive his reward*. If it is burned up, *he will suffer loss*; he himself *will be saved*, but only as one escaping through the flames.

### **1 Corinthians 3:11-15**

**Some people say "I'll be content to sit in the back row!" But what if those who "sit in the back row" are there because they have displeased Christ in their earthly sojourn?**  
**Erwin Lutzer, *Your Eternal Reward***

**We are not well served by a theology that does not recognize the possibility of serious moral and doctrinal defection on the part of believers. We've learned that Paul himself beat his body lest he be "disqualified." He lived with the healthy fear that he could end in disgrace and failure. The fact that we are secure in Christ does not mean that we are incapable of serious failure, and with it *the loss of rewards*.**  
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I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself *will not be disqualified for the prize*.

**1 Corinthians 9:27**

Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive *a hundred times as much* and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first."

**Matthew 19:27-30**

**CARPE DIEM: Seize the day**

**CORAM DEO: Living before the face of God**

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

**Psalms 90:12**