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31 “But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit
upon his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will
separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will place the
sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. 34 “Then the King will say to those on his
right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from
the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me
a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. 36 I was naked, and you gave me
clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’ 37 “Then
these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or
thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked
and give you clothing? 39 When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

Matthew 25:31–39 (NLT)

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40 “And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my
brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’ 41 “Then the King will turn to those on the left
and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his
demons. 42 For I was hungry, and you didn’t feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn’t give me a
drink. 43 I was a stranger, and you didn’t invite me into your home. I was naked, and you
didn’t give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’
44 “Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or
naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?’ 45 “And he will answer, ‘I tell you the truth,
when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help
me.’ 46 “And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal
life.”

Matthew 25:40–46 (NLT)

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[10] For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NLT)

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Judgment for Sin Has Been Settled by the Finished Work of Jesus Christ

24 “I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life. John 5:24 (NLT)

13 You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. 14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. Colossians 2:13–14 (NLT)

8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. 9 And since we have been made right in God’s sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God’s condemnation. Romans 5:8–9 (NLT)

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1 (NLT)



Prepare to Give an Account of Your Stewardships



21 “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling
this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’
22 “The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags
of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’ 23 “The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant.
You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s
celebrate together!’ 24 “Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a
harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. 25 I was afraid I would
lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’ Matthew 25:21-25 (NLT)

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Leaders: Prepare to Give Account for the Quality of Ministry

[10] Because of God’s grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. [11] For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. [12] Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. [13] But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person’s work has any value. [14] If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. [15] But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames. -1 Corinthians 3:10–15 (NLT)

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Teachers: Prepare to Give Account for How You Handled the Word of God

Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. [2] Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.

James 3:1–2 (NLT)



Prepare to Give an Account of Words Spoken

[36] And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak. [37] The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you.”

Matthew 12:36–37 (NLT)

Prepare to Give an Account for Your Occupation

[5] Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ. [6] Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart. [7] Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. [8] Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free. [9] Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Don’t threaten them; remember, you both have the same Master in heaven, and he has no favorites.

Ephesians 6:5–9 (NLT)

Prepare to Receive Your Reward

21 “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ -Matthew 25:21 (NLT)

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. 8 And now the prize awaits me —the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing. -2 Timothy 4:7–8 (NLT)

22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord. 23 Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. 24 Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. -Colossians 3:22–24 (NLT)



Practice Self Judgment

27 So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the
body and blood of the Lord. 28 That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and
drinking the cup. 29 For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are
eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. 30 That is why many of you are weak and sick and some
have even died. 31 ***But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way.*** 32 Yet
when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned along with the
world. 33 So, my dear brothers and sisters, when you gather for the Lord's Supper, wait for each other. 34 If
you are really hungry, eat at home so you won't bring judgment upon yourselves when you meet together.
I'll give you instructions about the other matters after I arrive.

1 Corinthians 11:27–34 (NLT)

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