


# Rewarded for Receiving

Matthew 10:40-42



**Introduction:** David Platt writes,

## The Commission of Jesus Christ

Take notes here:

### I. Receive the \_\_\_\_\_ – 10:40

*40 "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.*

Here is a truth we as the followers of Jesus Christ must not forget. **We are the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.**

*2 Corinthians 5:20 - 20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.*

That is our message – \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ!

**How are we doing in \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world?**

*"He who receives you receives Me"*

We have **He, You, and \_\_\_\_\_**.

The word *"receives"* is a very important word. It means to welcome someone into your \_\_\_\_\_.

*"and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."*

We have **He, Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ the Father**.

## **Visiting the Community/Door-knocking**

### **II. Receive the \_\_\_\_\_ - 10:41a**

*41a He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward.*

The word *"prophet"* means \_\_\_\_\_. A prophet was a servant to God.

**What is the reward?** A kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:11-14).

## **A List of Old Testament Prophets**

Here is a small sampling of some of the Old Testament prophets:  
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Also, make sure you understand that a prophet today is anyone who speaks forth the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's word.

### **III. Receive the \_\_\_\_\_ - 10:41b**

*41b And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.*

A man is not righteous by his own accord (self-righteousness is not God's righteousness). No, a sinner is declared \_\_\_\_\_ by what Jesus Christ has done for him (Philippians 3:9).

You are a \_\_\_\_\_ man (or woman) if you have decided to follow Jesus Christ. You know Him as your Savior and Lord. You have been born from above by the Holy Spirit (see John 3).

*Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever. (Daniel 12:3).*

See Revelation 20:11-15 -

### **IV. Receive the Little \_\_\_\_\_ - 10:42**

*42 And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."*

Who are the "*little ones*"? Many believe that Jesus was talking about His \_\_\_\_\_. Others believe that Jesus was speaking about \_\_\_\_\_ believers (perhaps here, new believers, or very young followers).

Look at the two words: "whosoever gives". What do we have here? I see three ideas in this verse. Here they are:

**First, receivers must learn to \_\_\_\_\_ .**

**Second, receivers *must give a \_\_\_\_\_ of cold water.***

**Third, receivers will not lose their \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*"assuredly, I say, he shall by no means lose his reward."*

Read in Matthew 25:33-46 -

**Conclusion:** What are the \_\_\_\_\_ truths from these final verses? They are:

1. Those \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ receive \_\_\_\_\_ you, receive \_\_\_\_\_, and those who receive Jesus Christ are receiving the one who sent Him, which is God the Father.
2. Those who are rejecting you are not rejecting you, but \_\_\_\_\_, and God the Father who sent Him.
3. Those who receive a \_\_\_\_\_ and his message will receive the reward of a prophet in the future.
4. Those who receive a \_\_\_\_\_ man and his message will receive the reward of a righteous man in the future.
5. Simple acts of \_\_\_\_\_ are not overlooked for reward. Such as giving a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus Christ. This simple act will be rewarded in heaven.
6. In God's economy to receive equals \_\_\_\_\_ .