

**THIS WEEK:**

**THE BUILDER'S**

**REWARD [#2]**

**1 Cor 3.12 - 12 Now if anyone builds on THIS FOUNDATION with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,**

**GOLD, SILVER, PRECIOUS STONES:**

**SPIRIT-LED...SPIRIT-POWERED MINISTRY!**

**People who don't minister**

**out of what their eyes have seen**

**... their ears have heard...**

**Or anything that's been**

**conceived within their hearts...**

**IT DOESN'T ORIGINATE**

**IN THEIR SOULS...**

**BUT...**

**They minister out of the depths of God**

**that have been**

**revealed to them by the Holy Spirit...**

**THEY ARE PEOPLE...**

**WHO HAVE BEEN**

**TRULY FAITHFUL TO THE SPIRIT!**

**Their rewards will not be determined**

**by the size of their ministries**

**or the millions of people that admire them.**

**BUT BASED ON**

**THEIR DEVOTION TO...**

**AND COOPERATION WITH...**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

**WOOD, HAY, STRAW:**

**FLESH-LED... FLESH-POWERED MINISTRY!**

*People ministering out of*

*what their eyes have seen...*

*what their ears have heard...*

*what they've conceived in their own hearts...*

**THEY MINISTER OUT OF**

**THEIR SOULS...**

**NOT**

*out of the working of the Holy Spirit...*

*No matter how spiritual*

*they seem to be to*

*so many millions of people...*

**THEIR FLESH AND**

**SOUL-GUIDED MINISTRY EFFORTS**

**WILL RECEIVE**

**NO**

**...REWARD!!**

**SOUL MOTIVATED?**

*No profit. No reward.*

**SPIRIT MOTIVATED?**

*Profit and reward!*

**1 Cor 3.13 - 13 each one's work will become clear; for THE DAY will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.**

**WHAT DAY?**

**1 Cor 4.5 - 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.**

**GOD'S**

**'REWARD-BOOK-KEEPING-RECORDS'**

**ARE IMPECCABLY FLAWLESS!!**

**Heb 6.10 - For God is NOT UNJUST to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.**

*Maybe church leaders have let you down.*

*Maybe you've run into more flesh than Spirit*

*In your church experience history.*

*Maybe you've poured your life out*

*And invested hard work and labor for years...*

*And it seems like it was all for nothing!*

*The church folded.*

*The pastor left the ministry.*

*You were forgotten and*

**NOBODY CARED!**

*It was all a waste!!*

**It didn't get you anywhere!!**

**BUT...**

**GOD IS NOT UNJUST**

**TO FORGET YOUR WORK**

**AND LABOR OF LOVE!!!**

**HE'S NOT**

**CONTRADICTING HIMSELF!**

**VIOLATING HIS OWN NATURE**

**BY FORGETTING YOUR WORK!!**

**THIS... IS WHO GOD IS!!**

**A SERVANT INVESTS**

**HIS MASTER'S 5 TALENTS...**

**AND THEN...**

**HE'S REWARDED WITH...**

**"ENTER INTO THE JOY OF YOUR LORD!"**

**YOU WILL BE RULER OVER...**

**MANY THINGS!!!**

**EVEN A**

**CUP OF COLD WATER**

**WILL... NOT... LOSE... IT'S REWARD!**

***A bill you slipped into someone's hand!***

***A simple nod of acknowledgement***

***When it was most needed!***

***God prompts your heart:***

***"Look at her.***

***She's not showing it...***

***But she's wounded right now!***

***Be her friend!"***

***You put a hand on her shoulder...***

***You look her straight in the eye!***

**AND GRACE-FILLED**

**WORDS OF FAITH, HOPE,**

**ENCOURAGEMENT AND BLESSING**

**BEGIN TO POUR OUT OF YOUR MOUTH!**

**NOBODY WAS WATCHING!**

**NOBODY PAID ATTENTION!**

**BUT ...GOD ...DID!**

**I... WILL... NOT... LOSE... MY REWARD!**

***"I don't care about a reward."***

**I PROMISE YOU...**

**WHEN THE TIME COMES:**

**YOU WILL!**

**YOU WILL!**

**WHO...**

**DOES WHAT...**

**TO GOD'S CHURCH...**

**MATTERS**

**TO GOD!**

***There are good builders...and bad.***

***Heaven records***

***every worker that***

***Contributes a part***

***To the building project...***

***And detailed notes are being***

***Recorded and carefully put on file!***

***IS IT SPIRIT? Gold, silver, precious stones?***

***OR FLESH? Wood, hay and stubble?***

***IF IT'S THE SPIRIT AT WORK through a builder...***

***It's documented...***

*and A FULL REWARD is waiting*

*on the other side!!*

*1 Cor 3.14 - 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, HE WILL RECEIVE A REWARD.*

**MISTHOS': COMPENSATION**

*1 Cor 3.8 - 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.*

*Heb 11.24-25 - 25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; FOR HE LOOKED TO THE REWARD.*

*Rev 22.12 - 12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and MY REWARD is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.*

**THE NATURE OF GOD'S REWARDS**

**1. THEY'RE... FROM... GOD!**

*1 Cor 4.5 - ...Then each one's praise WILL COME FROM GOD.*

**2. HE WILL PUT HONOR ON YOU**

**THAT WILL BE OBVIOUS TO EVERYBODY!**

*Rev 2.10 – Be faithful until death, and I will give you THE CROWN of life. [11 TIMES]*

**3. GOD'S REWARDS**

**WILL BE FAR MORE**

**THAN RETIREMENT WATCHES,**

**WALL PLAQUES, TROPHIES OR BLUE RIBBONS!**

*Lk 19.17 – 17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'*

*1 Cor 6.2-3 – 2 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?*

*Heb 2.5-8 - 5 For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. 6 But one testified in a certain place, saying:*

*"What is man that You are mindful of him,*

*Or the son of man that You take care of him?*

*7 You have made him a little lower than the angels;*

*You have crowned him with glory and honor,*

*And set him over the works of Your hands.*

*8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet."*

**4. THEY WILL BECOME**

**AN ETERNAL, PERMANENT 'IDENTIFIERS'**

**FOREVER ENGRAVED**

**UPON YOUR PERSONHOOD**

*2 Cor 4.17 - 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, IS WORKING FOR US a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory...*

*1 Cor 9.25 – And everyone who COMPETES FOR THE PRIZE is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.*

*1 Pet 5.4 – 4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.*

**REMINDER: THE BEMA SEAT**

***IS FOR THE REWARD... OF THE RIGHTEOUS***

***NOT THE PUNISHMENT OF THE WICKED***

*1 Cor 3.15 - 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.*

*Every Christian has received grace...*

***UNDESERVED...AS A GIFT... WITHOUT WORK!***

***BUT REWARDS***

*go to those who*

***USE***

*the grace they received*

***THEY DON'T IGNORE IT OR WASTE IT...***

**THEY COOPERATE WITH IT...**

**and make a profit for their master**

**from their re-investment**

**of the grace they receive...**

**FOR NOTHING!**

**\*\*THE MASTER'S TALENTS\*\***

**EVERY SPIRIT-RESPONSIVE GESTURE...**

**WORD... ACTIVITY...**

**PUBLIC OR PRIVATE...**

**WITH HUMAN APPLAUSE OR NOT...**

**WILL... BE... COMPENSATED... IN FULL...**

**ON THE OTHER SIDE!!**

**2 Tim 1.6 - 6 Therefore I remind you to**

**STIR UP**

**THE GIFT OF GOD**

**WHICH IS IN YOU through the laying on of my hands.**

**It's a gift unearned/undeserved.**

**It's already in us.**

**It needs US... to stir it up!**

**REKINDLE IT... BACK... INTO A FLAME!**

**1 Cor 15.10 - But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was NOT IN VAIN;**

**Ineffective/worthless/wasted/useless**

**but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.**

**Col 1.29 - 29 To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me MIGHTILY.**

- 1. Be lazy? A big mistake!**
- 2. Get busy and go to work? Another mistake!**
- 3. Cooperate with God's grace**



*and work harder than anybody else...*

*but it's not really you!*

*It's God's grace in you??*

- *Fanning your relationship with the Spirit  
into a flame.*
- *Responding to his promptings. Follow His leading.*
- *Watch life move and shift around you like chess pieces on a giant chess board.*
- *Things begin to happen that you could never make happen!!*

**THAT'S... W-I-S-D-O-M!!**

**AND GREAT REWARDS  
ARE WAITING TO MAKE YOU RICH...  
ON THE OTHER SIDE!!**

**SEE HOW MUCH**

**JESUS LOVES**

**HIS CHURCH!!**

**1 Cor 3.16-17 - 16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?**

**17 If anyone defiles [PHTHEI'RO: Move from a higher level to a lower level] the temple of God, God will  
destroy [PHTHEI'RO] him. FOR THE TEMPLE OF GOD IS HOLY, WHICH TEMPLE YOU ARE.**

**PAUL SPEAKS OF GOOD MINISTERS**

*Ministering out of their spirits...*

*...not their souls...*

**AND BAD TEACHERS**

*ministering out of their souls*

*... not their spirits...*

*'They will suffer loss... but they will be saved.'*

*Not speaking of their ultimate destruction here...*

*Their names aren't taken out of the book of life...*

*but if they're hurting the church...*

*they will find themselves being...*

**OPPOSED BY GOD.**

*"God **RESISTS THE PROUD,***

*but gives grace to the humble."*

**UNLESS... YOU'RE A CHRISTIAN?**

**RIGHT?**

**God**

**WILL...**

*protect His people!*

*Gal 2.11 - 11 Now when Peter had come to Antioch, **I withstood him [ANTI (against) HI'STEMI (stand)] to his face,** because he was to be blamed*

*Acts 20.28-30 - 28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also **FROM AMONG YOURSELVES** men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.*

*Rev 2.5 - 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and **remove your lampstand** from its place—unless you repent. [PTHEI'RO!!]*

**GOOD PARENTS**

*will allow their children*

*to be influenced by other adults.*

**BUT IF ANY ADULT ASSUMES THE RIGHT**

**TO INVADE THE HOME**

**AND TAKE OVER THE KIDS??!!**

**FIGHT!!!!**

**IT'S THE**

**PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY**

**TO STOP THOSE WOLVES!!**

**SAME WITH CHURCH!**

**\*\*God told me I'm to teach this Sunday\*\***

***Lift the church? God lifts you!***

***Hurt the church?***

**God will oppose you doing so!**

**Jesus WILL build His Church...**

**WE NEED TO EITHER**

**JOIN HIM...**

**OR...**

**GET OUT OF HIS WAY!**

***1 Cor 3.21-22 - 21 Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours: 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephass, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come—all are yours.***

***Why set your eyes on people...***

**OR... ANY PERSON...**

**WHEN...**

**JESUS, HIMSELF...**

**IS... WITHIN...**

**THE FIELD OF VISION??!!**

**SURE...**

**APPRECIATE THE PEOPLE**

**GOD'S SENT**

**TO BLESS YOU!**

**BE GRATEFUL... TO ...THEM...**

**BE GRATEFUL ... FOR ...THEM!**

**BUT...**

**JESUS ALONE...**

**SHOULD BE YOUR LIFE'S FOCUS!!**

**ANY MINISTER GOD HAS EVER SENT**

**TO HELP YOU...RESCUE YOU...**

**HEAL YOU... TEACH YOU...**

**Was sent by Him...**

**to be your...**

**SERVANT!!**

**You aren't to serve them!**

**They were sent to serve you!!**

**2 Cor 4.5 - 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants**

**FOR JESUS' SAKE.**

**LOOK AT**

**HOW MUCH...**

**JESUS**

**LOVES**

**HIS CHURCH!!!!**