

# THE ULTIMATE AWARDS CEREMONY!

## 1. The Promise Of Future Rewards

**Revelation 22:12 (NIV)** Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.

**1 Corinthians 4:5 (NIV)** Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.

**2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV)** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

**Romans 14:12 (NIV)** So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**2 Timothy 4:8 (NIV)** Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

**1 Corinthians 9:24 (NIV)** Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

## 2. A Picture Of The Examination

**1 Corinthians 3:10 (NIV)** By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. <sup>15</sup> If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

## 3. An Overview Of Award-Worthy Deeds

A. Purely-Motivated Acts of Righteousness – Matthew 6:1-4

B. Eternal Investments – Matthew 6:19-20

C. Faithful Stewardship of Gifts, Abilities, and Opportunities – Matthew 25:21

D. Sincere Acts of Generosity and Kindness Shown to Others – I Timothy 6:17-19  
1) God's people – Galatians 6:10  
2) People who are unable to pay you back – Luke 14:13  
3) Enemies – Luke 6:35

E. Gladly Sacrificing And Even Suffering For The Sake Of Christ – Matthew 5:11-12

## 4. The Nature Of Future Rewards

A. Verbal Commendation from the Master – Matthew 25:23

B. Entrustments of Responsibility in the Kingdom Age – Luke 19:17

C. Victory Crowns – I Corinthians 9:25

D. Treasure in Heaven – I Timothy 6:18-19

*Everything you do TODAY matters FOREVER!*