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Part 5 – How to Know How Much Your Life Mattered 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

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I. ONE DAY ALL CHRISTIANS WILL BE **JUDGED** BEFORE OUR CREATOR.

*2 Timothy 4:6-8 “For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 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.”*

*Romans 14:10-12 “You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will **all** stand before God's judgment seat. 11 It is written: 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.' 12 So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.”*

2 Corinthians 5:10 “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.”

*John 5:24 “I'll tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he **has** crossed over from death to life.”*

Romans 8:1 “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

- A. The judgment seat of Christ for believers is **not** to determine whether or not you are going to **heaven**. That has already been determined.
- B. The purpose of this event is to determine what **rewards** you will receive. The basis of our rewards will be our **deeds**.

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II. FIVE THINGS IN OUR LIFE WILL BE EVALUATED.

- A. Our love for **God** and **others**.

1 Corinthians 14:1 "Let **love** be your greatest goal."

1 John 3:17-18 (NIV) "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth"

- B. How **faithful** we were with what God gave us.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 "So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. [2] Now it is required that those who have been given a **trust** must prove faithful."

- C. The **motives** we had for serving God.

Matthew 6:1-4 "Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. [2] So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. [3] But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, [4] so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

1 Corinthians 4:5 "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."

- D. The **purity** of our life.

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Matthew 16:27 “For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.”

Matthew 12:36 “But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken.”

E. Our faithfulness in **sharing Christ** with others.

Ezekiel 3:17-18 “Son of man, I have made you a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore, hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. [18] When I say unto the wicked, You shall surely die; and you gives him not warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at your hands.”

Acts 20:26-27 "Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of all men. [27] For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God."

III. THE SCENE WE WILL EXPERIENCE BEFORE GOD IS DESCRIBED IN THE BIBLE.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15 "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. [12] If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, [13] 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. [14] If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. [15] If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames."

Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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