

“Fear Of Losing Your Rewards”

INTRODUCTION: People should prepare for RETIREMENT.

- Prepare for “*retirement*” in heaven – Matthew 6:19-21, Rev. 14:13

1 Corinthians 3:11 – You must build on a solid “*foundation*” ... Christ.

- The purpose of a “*foundation*” is to have a BUILDING on it.

Matthew 7:24-27 – The LOST build their life on the “*sand*”.

- Your “*foundation*” determines where you will spend Eternity.

- What you build on your “*foundation*”, determines REWARDS.

1 Corinthians 3:8 – “*labor*” ... SEE - 2 Corinthians 5:9-10

3:9 – We’re sending our “*building materials*” on ahead.

3:10 – How we live NOW, determines our “*retirement*” in Heaven.

3:12-15 – We see here 2 types of “*building materials*”.

3:12 – Our “*works*” will be “*exchanged*” into “*Heavenly currency*”.

3:14 ... **3:15** – Some will survive the “*fire*” ... some won’t.

- “*work*” – James 1:22 ... 2 Cor. 5:10 – “*done*”

1 “*wood, hay, stubble*” – Works done in the “*flesh*”.

2 “*gold, silver, precious stones*” – Works done by God, through you.

2 Timothy 2:19-21 – What determines your “*reward*”?

TEST #1 – Did Your Works Honor Or Dishonor God?

- Galatians 5:19-21 – 5:21 – “*inherit*” – 1 Corinthians 10:31

TEST #2 – What is The Motive Behind Your Works?

- NOTICE – The SIZE of the “*building materials*”.

- You won’t be “*rewarded*” for that which is done for “*show*”.

The “*test of fire*” ... WHY did you do them? 1 Corinthians 4:5

- God will judge the MOTIVE behind the “*works*” – Matthew 6:1

- You can do the right things for the wrong reason, in the wrong way.

Was your “*service*” for God, an act of WORSHIP?

- Did you do them to HONOR your Lord and Savior?

1 Corinthians 3:15 – The “*fire*” won’t touch the “*foundation*”.

- These “*unblemished*” works will last for Eternity!

CONCLUSION: – 1 Corinthians 3:10, 2 John 8, 1 John 2:28

- Plan ahead ... “*invest*” more ... enjoy your “*retirement*”!