

Pictures of Eternal Rewards In Heaven

Heaven – Part 5

Introductory Issue: *Various biblical motivations for obeying and serving God*

1. To show our gratitude for His grace in saving us (2 Corinthians 5:14, 15)
2. To please and glorify God (2 Corinthians 5:9)
3. To cause others to be saved and glorify Him (Matthew 5:16)
4. To serve the needs of others in the body as God's tool (1 Peter 4:10)
5. To fulfill God's personal plan for our life (Ephesians 2:10)
6. **To receive God's approval/reward in heaven and be thus accountable for serving Him on earth** (see below)

- I. **Precious Metals/Gems:** God will give special recognition in heaven for our obedience on earth (1 Corinthians 3:8-15; 4:1-5).
 - A. Believers will be rewarded for the quality of their life and ministry – for eternal value (1 Corinthians 3:8-15).
 - B. The measurement of reward is faithfulness and motives, not human standards (1 Corinthians 4:5).
- II. **Prizes:** Eternal rewards motivate us to be dedicated to God (1 Corinthians 9:23-27; 2 Corinthians 5:9,10).
 - A. The Race/The boxer: God rewards believers for dedication (1 Corinthians 9:23-27).
 - B. The Judgment Seat of Christ: God rewards believers for what has eternal value but cannot reward what doesn't.
- III. **Cities:** Eternal rewards hold us accountable for what God gave us (Luke 19:12-24).
 - A. We all have equal opportunity for rewards.
 - B. Rewards mean extra privilege of serving God in heaven.
- IV. **Crowns:** God will receive the glory for our eternal rewards, not us (Revelation 4:4,10).
 - Various crowns (2 Timothy 4:8; James 1:12; 1 Peter 5:4)