Series: Serving Like Jesus

“The Rewards of a Servant”  David Owens

1 Corinthians 15:58  4.3.16

A. Serving definitely has its ___________, and they are ___________.

B. _______ asked Jesus an important question: “We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?” (Mt. 19:27)
   1. God knows that we ________ about the rewards and we need __________.  
   2. Jesus’ answer made it clear that God will reward us ________ (19:28-29)

C. In several parables, Jesus indicated that faithful disciples would receive great rewards.
   1. In the parable of the __________ workers, the gift of salvation is symbolized by one day’s wage (Mt. 20:9-16).  
   2. In the parable of the ________, the reward is a marriage banquet (Mt. 25:10).
   3. In the parable of __________, the reward is described in general terms: being put “in charge of many things” and being able to “share your master’s happiness” (Mt. 25:20-23).  
   4. In the parable of __________ and __________, the blessed disciples are allowed to inherit a kingdom (Mt. 25:34).
   5. In the parable of the servants, the faithful servant is rewarded by being put in charge of all the master’s possessions (Luke 12:42-44).
   6. In the parables of the __________, the trustworthy servants were given rulership over cities (Luke 19:16-19).

D. Another way scripture describes our reward is in the form of __________ being given to God’s servants.
   1. There is the ______________ crown (1 Cor. 9:24-27), which is promised to those who victoriously run the Christian race.
   2. There is the crown of ______ (Phil. 4:1; 1 Thess. 2:19-20), which we might call the “soul-winners crown” because it is claimed by Paul regarding those he has led to Christ.
   3. There is the crown of ________________ (2 Tim. 4:7-8), which is awarded to those who live in anticipation of the return of Christ.
   4. There is the crown of ____________ (James 1:12), which is awarded to those who have persevered under trials and have endured suffering.
   5. And there is the crown of ____________ (1 Pet. 5:1-4), which is promised to those who faithfully shepherd God’s flock.

E. When we think of eternal rewards, we should think primarily about ____________ rewards, not __________ things that will pass away.

F. Our spiritual blessings will be far better than the physical things we know in this life (Ps. 16:11; Rev. 20:4; Isaiah 35:10).

G. God has ______________ to __________ us (Heb. 11:6).

H. When life becomes ____________, it is helpful for us to remember that there is another life, in which we will be rewarded (1 Cor. 15:19, Phil. 3:8; 1:21; Heb 12:2).

I. We should __________ in heavenly rewards (Mt. 6:19-20; 5:12; Eph. 6:8; Col. 3:23-24; 2 John 8)

J. The story of ________ ________ and his aunt.
   1. Just like his aunt, God will be waiting to __________ us into __________.