

***“The Rewards of a Servant”***

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1 Corinthians 15:58

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- 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer Key: A. Rewards, numerous. B. Peter. B.1. wonder, answers. B.2. generously. C.1. vineyard. C.2. virgins. C.3. talents. C.4. sheep, goats. C.6. pounds. D. crowns. D.1. imperishable. D.2. joy. D.3. righteousness. D.4. life. D.5. glory. E. spiritual, physical. G. promised, reward. H. difficult. I. invest. J. John, Todd. J.1. welcome, heaven.