



EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

PERSPECTIVE

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Introduction

In Proverbs 29:18 we learn where there is “no vision” or “revelation” of God the people perish. Today we live in a perishing world. It perishes not because it can’t be reached, but for lack of vision or revelation on the part of God’s people. God wants to use us to reach a lost and dying world that has been separated from Him because of sin. Like God, we were made to live for the eternal. Unfortunately, many of God’s children have let the eternal slip out of focus and are locked into the temporal things of the world.

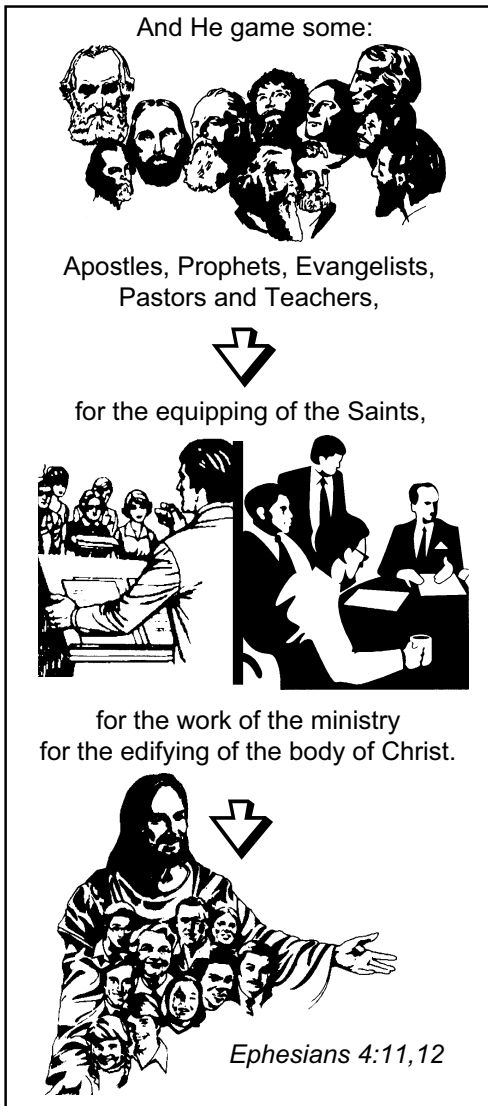
The three lessons on the *Layman and the Great Commission* help to bring back into focus those eternal things of God. They help us first see life through the eyes of God as He intended for it to be lived, not as we perceive it through our human conceptions or even misconceptions. These lessons help us understand that the fulfilling of the Great Commission is our responsibility. The way to reach the world is by making disciples who can reproduce themselves into the lives of the next generations. When we begin to exchange our lives for these eternal things as God intended, the world in our lifetime and generation can and will be reached.

The Layman—the Major Participant

Most Christian laymen are familiar with the Great Commission story, but they seldom grasp the fact that it has deep personal implications for everyone who names the name of Christ. Instead they see themselves as spectators in the great competition for the souls of men and women. They stand at the sidelines shouting words of encouragement, praying and giving financial support to “full-time Christian workers.”

However, their involvement normally ends here. If the job doesn’t get done and the Church is not increasing, they feel badly, but they have no personal sense of responsibility for the outcome. After all, they surely cannot be accountable! Discipling is the job of the pastor, the evangelist, and other full-time workers.

They see themselves merely as faithful on-lookers and supporters watching the action on the field. This was never God’s plan! God’s original intention is outlined for us in Paul’s letter to the Ephesians.



And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...

Ephesians 4:11,12

In this passage we can see that God gave the “full-time Christian workers” (the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers) to the Church for a special purpose. That purpose was NOT to do the work of the ministry themselves, but “... to get His holy people ready to serve as workers and build the body of Christ” (Beck translation). These **special agents** were to be coaches to train the laymen to be the players in the Great Commission. The ordinary saints of the Church were to be **on the front lines**—witnessing, leading their friends to Christ, discipling the nations. Scripture is so clear—the work of ministry and the edifying of the body of Christ belongs to the

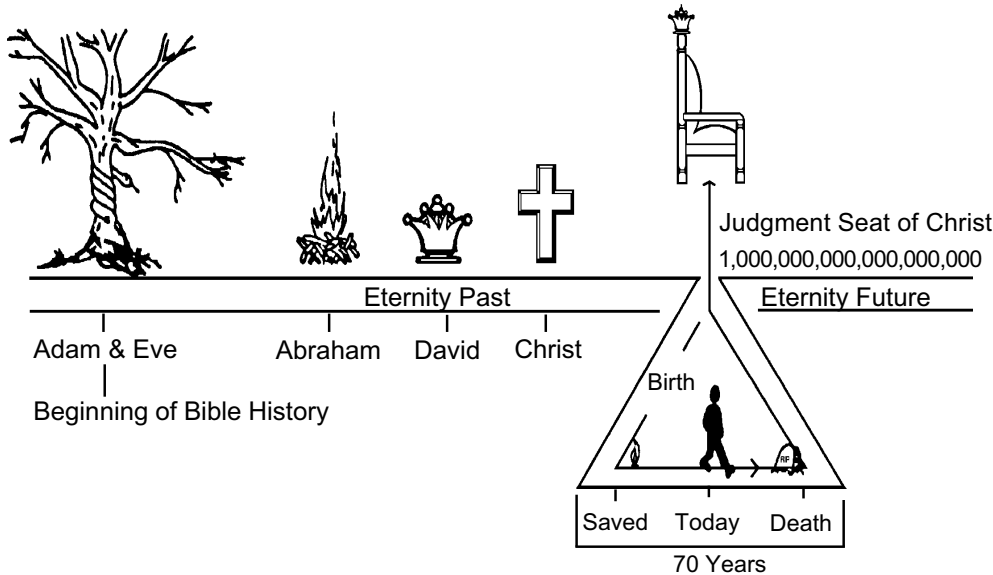
saints. These gifted leaders are charged with the responsibility of equipping the saints so they can engage in the work of ministry.

Let’s gain some perspective on God’s plan and see how He wants to make an impact on the world for Christ. In his epistle, James says:

Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.” But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

James 4:13-17

In this passage, Jesus wants us to understand the brevity of our lives in comparison to the vastness of Eternity. Consider the following diagram and subsequent explanation of each phase of it.



Creation

This was the beginning of beginnings—the time when God brought the world and man into existence. The exact length of this period has been debated for centuries by the theologian, geologist and astronomer, each of whom has a different opinion. It is not our purpose in this study to enter this debate, but simply to recognize creation as a definite point in God’s history, and to grasp the spiritual significance of God’s relationship and purpose for man from the beginning.

The Bible tells us that the first human beings, Adam and Eve, lived in a perfect and fulfilling relationship with their Creator. However, this relationship was broken as the result of their rebellion and sin, and from that point on man was separated from his God.

At the time of the first sin, God promised that He would provide a way for man to be reunited with Himself.

*And I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise
your head, and you shall bruise His heel.*

Genesis 3:15

Here God said that through the offspring of the woman, Satan’s work of separating mankind from God would be destroyed. The entire Bible account, from that point on, records how God went about fulfilling that promise—culminating in the coming of Jesus Christ to redeem sinners.

Abraham

About 2000 years after Adam, God chose a man, Abraham, to become the father of a new nation—the nation of Israel. In calling Abraham, God reaffirmed His promise to redeem the world when He said:

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Genesis 12:2,3

David

God again re-stated His promise through the person of David a thousand years later. He promised David that through his line would come One who would rule over the house of Israel.

When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2 Samuel 7:12,13

Jesus

A thousand years passed again, and at last God fulfilled His promise when He sent His own Son, Jesus Christ, to be born of a virgin through the lineage of Abraham and David. He lived a sinless life as a man, died for the sins of the world and rose from the dead to reign on David's throne forever. This is represented in the illustration by the cross.

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law.

Galatians 4:4

You

Now almost two thousand years have passed again, and we have come to your life—a tiny gap in the expanse of history. We will enlarge this part of the diagram by drawing a triangle. During your lifetime you will be deciding two of life's greatest issues: where you will spend eternity and what eternity will be like for you.

Birth

The left side of the triangle in the diagram represents the first major event in your life—the day you were born. This is where your life first intersected the time line and you became part of history. The base of the triangle, from left to right, represents the flow of your life.

Salvation

The flame marks the point in time when you repented of your sins and received Jesus Christ as Savior. At this point, you made the decision which determined where you will spend eternity when your life on earth is over.

Today

The figure in the diagram represents you, living out your life today. Each day we are moving closer toward that next great event, which is the day we die. On the day you die, your earthly body returns to the ground; and because you know Christ as your Savior, your soul will be reunited with God to spend forever with Him.

We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:8

This is shown by the right side of the triangle which again intersects the time line and moves into the great expanse of eternity. During our sojourn here on earth, you and I are deciding two of life's greatest issues:

Where We Will Spend Eternity

If we have received Jesus Christ into our hearts, this is a settled issue, based solely on our trust in God's finished work upon the cross. We are on our way to Heaven!

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

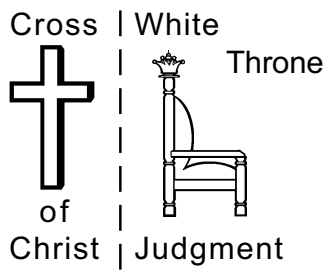
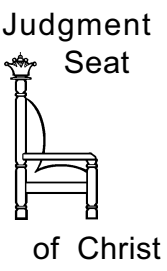
Ephesians 2:8,9

What Eternity Will Be Like For Us

However, the way we invest or spend our lives day by day here on earth will greatly influence what eternity will be like for us. That is, the quality of our eternity is being determined right now on earth. This is because God promises reward to those who wisely invest their lives by faith in His eternal purposes—building His Kingdom on earth rather than our own. There is no other way we can please the Living God. The writer of Hebrews makes this abundantly clear:

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6

Realities		
Issues	Person's <i>Sin</i>	Person's <i>Work</i>
Decisions	<i>Where</i> I will spend Eternity	<i>What</i> Eternity will be like
Results	<i>Heaven</i> or Hell	<i>Reward</i> or loss of reward

Two Great Realities of Life

In the chart above we see these great issues graphed out for us. Since they have such far-reaching implications let us look at them further.

First Reality—The Cross

The first reality is the cross of Christ, from where He died for the sins of mankind almost 2000 years ago.

Issue

Each reality involves an issue. At the cross the issue is our personal sin—those thoughts and deeds which separate us from God.

Decision

Each issue requires a decision. The decision we make about sin in light of the cross will decide where we will spend eternity.

Results

God's plan for each of us is that we spend eternity with Him in Heaven. However, if a person refuses to deal with the issue of sin in light of the cross, then God has no recourse but to send him to hell. He refused to let Jesus' blood from the cross cover his sin. All of this someday will culminate at the Great White Throne Judgment where unbelievers will be judged at the end of the millennium. If there is no work of repentance for sin, their names will not be recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life. This judgment is recorded in Revelation 20:11-15. They will be cast into the lake of fire because of their unwillingness to deal with this first reality.

Second Reality—Judgment Seat of Christ

This is often called the *Beama* or reward seat. It is from here the believers or the *Obeyers* of Christ will someday be rewarded for their faithful stewardship to the building of God's Kingdom here on earth.

Issue

The issue in this second reality is the believer's works. It is not our sin, since our sin was covered by Jesus' substitutionary death upon the cross for our sin (the first reality). Once we are born again into the family of God, Ephesians 2:10 reminds us we were created to do good works:

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

Decision

The decision we make about these good works will determine what eternity is going to be like for us. You will recall Jesus commanded us to lay up in Heaven treasures, or good works, which will someday be rewarded.

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 6:19,20

Please note these good works cannot save us, but we will one day be rewarded for them.

Results

The decision we make about the good works will determine what eternity will be like for us. God's plan "A" for us is reward, but if we will not give ourselves to these good works for whatever reason, then we will suffer loss rather than have rewards. The Bible doesn't discuss all that loss entails, but you do not want to be found in that category. Almost everyone knows about the first reality; unfortunately, most Christians don't understand the second reality.

To many Christians, the concept of heavenly rewards is a strange one. We will take just a moment here to do a short Bible study on the subject of God's rewards and their personal implications for us.

Study on Rewards

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Warnings Concerning Rewards

The Bible warns us many times that we are to be careful to both strive for and protect spiritual rewards.

Hold Fast Your Rewards

Behold, I come quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

Revelation 3:11

Is it possible that someone could take another's crown away? Yes, or Jesus would not have warned us about it.

Stay Alert

Let no one defraud you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.

Colossians 2:18

Is it possible that someone could deceive another of his reward? Yes, or Paul would not have warned us about it.

Be Careful

Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.

2 John 1:8

Is it possible that one could receive less than a full reward? Yes, or John would not have warned us about it.

Rewards and Works

The Bible is also very clear that our rewards are very closely related to our good works. Consider the following statement.

For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

Matthew 16:27

Here we can see that rewards are clearly the result of our works. Because of this we can conclude our reward is *NOT* salvation, for we can never earn salvation.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Ephesians 2:8,9

Since salvation is a free gift of God obtained through faith, our reward must be something other than salvation. We do know that it was God's plan for every Christian to give himself to good works.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

We also know our good works are to be maintained carefully, and they will result in profit for us.

This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

Titus 3:8

If our works cannot save us and our reward is not salvation, to what end are our good works profitable?

The Five Crowns

The Bible mentions five different crowns or rewards which a child of God may win as he passes through this life. As we study these, we will particularly take note of three things:

- ***How the crowns are won***
- ***The area of life they refer to, and***
- ***God's commands for each of these areas.***

Crown of Life

Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been proved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

James 1:12

The crown of life is a reward promised to those who truly love the Lord. It is won by loving God and demonstrating that love by enduring in trials and temptations. These are really opposite sides of the same coin. It is our love for God that gives us strength to endure in our testings, trials and temptations, rather than become bitter,

critical or disillusioned. This crown deals with our own personal discipleship.

The writer to the Hebrews reminds us of Jesus' endurance under the supreme test, and exhorts us not to lose heart in our own personal struggles.

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

Hebrews 12:2,3

Are you enduring? Will you win the crown of life?

Crown Incorruptible

And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

1 Corinthians 9:25,27

This crown also deals with personal discipleship and is won for self-denial—something this existential age knows nothing about. People are being taught:

“Don't let people tell you it's wrong—deny yourself nothing.”

“If it gives you meaning, purpose, or pleasure, do it!”

“Don't let them over-socialize your morality: truth is relative.”

Contrast such sayings with the challenge of Jesus:

Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”

Luke 9:23

Though “self-denial” may be a dirty word for the existentialist, it is at the heart of personal discipleship for every follower of Jesus Christ. If we have disciplined our lives and have denied ourselves the pleasures of sin in this life, the crown incorruptible will be ours. Are you denying yourself?

Crown of Joy

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*For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing?
Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus
Christ at His coming?*

1 Thessalonians 2:19

Here Paul says that the Thessalonian Christian, whom he had led to Christ, would be his crown of joy at the last day in Christ's presence. This crown is given to those who have been obedient to what the Scriptures teach concerning evangelism.

*And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make
you fishers of Men."*

Matthew 4:19

If you are not a fisher of men, I don't know whom you are following, but I would wonder if it is Jesus. He said, "*I will make you fishers of men.*" Evangelism may not be your primary gift, but at least you will know how to fish for men. I would like to believe that if Jesus teaches you to fish, you would not come home empty-handed. Men and women will be brought into the Kingdom because of the testimony, not only of your life, but your lips as well. If you have been faithful to proclaim Christ to others during this life, then surely this crown will belong to you at that last day. Are you a fisher of men?

Crown of Glory

*Shepherd the flock of God which is among you,
serving as overseers, not by constraint but willingly,
not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being
lords over those entrusted to you, but being ex-
amples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd
appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does
not fade away.*

1 Peter 5:2-4

This crown is given as a reward to those who nurture the flock of God. It is not a special crown reserved for the clergy, but one that every Christian can win. It has to do with caring for the children of God, helping them to grow in Christ so they can serve in the building of God's Kingdom—in other words, *disciplemaking*. Jesus said:

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Matthew 28:19 (NASV)

Jesus' last command is to be our first. We are charged with the responsibility of discipling the nations. Jesus not only commands us to **BE** disciples, but to **MAKE** disciples. Where are your disciples?

Crown of Righteousness

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

2 Timothy 4:8

This crown is won by those whose lives are lived in anticipation of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Many Christians have their own hopes, dreams and aspirations that have nothing to do with God or His Kingdom. In reality, for such people Christ's return would "ruin everything." Jesus said:

Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them."

Luke 12:37

Jesus' desire was that we live life watching and waiting for His return, exchanging our lives for the building of His Kingdom. If we do, we will receive the crown of righteousness. Are you living for His coming?

Summary

Isn't it interesting that the crowns are not won for great heroic deeds of faith, but for the simple commands of Scripture that are to be lived out every day? I want to contrast the chart on the five crowns with the Wheel Illustration. The wheel depicts the totality of what Christ is asking us to become.

Five Crowns

Crown	How Obtained	Area of Life
Life	Enduring Trials & Temptation	Discipleship
Incorruptible	Self-denial	Discipleship
Joy	Soul-winning	Evangelism
Glory	Undershepherd	Disciplemaking
Righteousness	Looking for the Second Coming	Second Coming



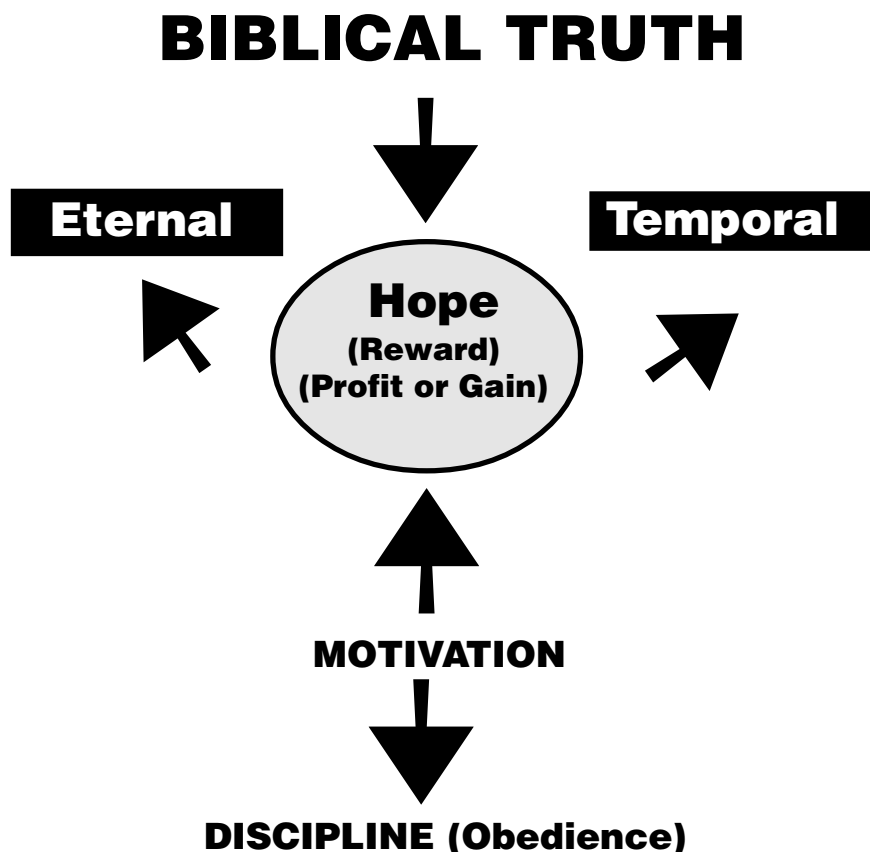
Notice that the first two crowns are vertical in nature. The Crown of Life and the Incorruptible Crown deal with our own personal discipleship and walk with God. They relate to what we call the Great Commandment and demonstrate in a very tangible fashion our love for God. The next two crowns are horizontal in nature. The Crown of Joy and the Crown of Glory relate to what we call the Great Commission and engage us in what God has commanded us to do. The last crown is related to the hub of the wheel which makes Jesus the true commander of our lives. All five of these crowns demonstrate the reality of the rim functioning in our lives as obeyers of God's word.

Motivation and Reward

Many people say, "I am not going to worry about rewards. After all, what I am doing for God is out of love and not for personal gain." Such reasoning may appear unselfish, but it is also unscriptural.

As we have seen, the Scriptures admonish us over and over again to take seriously this whole matter of rewards. We dare not ignore such exhortations from God's Word. God has given them for a reason to motivate us to exchange our lives for things that will count for eternity, rather than for temporal things.

If we fail to heed God's instructions and warnings, we must bear the eternal consequences.



In the illustration on the preceding page, I want us to see that all Biblical truth is filled with **HOPE, REWARD** or **PROFIT (GAIN)** for each believer, or maybe I should say **OBEYER** of God's Word. These benefits were given to legitimately motivate the obeyer to discipline himself to obey God's commandments. This discipline or obedience produces both the temporal or eternal rewards.

We have stressed the temporal gain without teaching the eternal rewards. Consequently most evangelicals live for the temporal and neglect the eternal rewards. They know they are going to heaven and that is all they are concerned about.

Many are more concerned with the building of their kingdom and not the building of God's Kingdom. When we begin to teach what the Bible reveals to us about our eternal reward many will become less temporal in their values and see the importance of exchanging their lives for the eternal things of God. Our lack of teaching on the eternal reward has brought about the temporal values we are facing in many of our evangelical churches.

What Motivated Jesus

*Keep your eyes on Jesus, our leader and instructor.
He was willing to die a shameful death on the cross
because of the joy He knew would be His afterwards;
and now He sits in the place of honor by the throne
of God.*

Hebrews 12:2 (LB)

Jesus was motivated by the eternal rather than the temporal rewards. He forsook the immediate rewards for the ultimate ones. We, as His followers, must also be motivated for the ultimate.

What Motivated Moses

*It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused
to be treated as the grandson of the king but chose
to share ill-treatment with God's people instead of
enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. He thought
that it was better to suffer for the promised Christ
than to own all the treasures of Egypt, for he was
looking forward to the great reward that God would
give him.*

Hebrews 11:24-26 (LB)

Moses was also motivated by the eternal rewards. As the son of Pharaoh's daughter, he could have enjoyed "the good life" here on earth, but he realized that such pleasures were "fleeting"—only for a season. He was more concerned about the eternal rewards of God.

What Motivates Us

As Jesus and Moses were, we must also be motivated by the ultimate. Each of us will one day account for the stewardship of our lives.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:10

There are three words in the Greek language for the word “bad.” The Greek word used in the verse above refers to the *worth* of something. It is not a word used to describe something that is ethically or morally bad, but rather something that is of little or no *value*. Paul is saying in this passage that one day Christ will judge the works and accomplishments of Christians to see if they have worth or whether they are worthless in light of the building of His Kingdom.

Judgment Seat of Christ

The preceding verse is speaking of Christ’s “Judgment Seat,” where only believers will appear (Non-Christians will be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment recorded in Revelation 20:11-15). In 1 Corinthians, we find Christ’s Judgment Seat described for us.

For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

1 Corinthians 3:9-15

Paul says that as fellow workers, there are two sets of materials which we may use to build upon this foundation which is Jesus Christ:

- One set is indestructible: *gold, silver and precious stones.*

This set will stand the test of fire and only be purified by it.

- The other set is very perishable: *wood, hay and straw.*

Such materials have a very low kindling point and will not endure the test of fire.

Peter describes the test of fire for us as he warns us about the end of the age.

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But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

2 Peter 3:10

With what are you building? Are you using eternal material to build His Kingdom—that which has worth in the eyes of God (gold, silver, precious stones)? Or are you using temporal things to build your own kingdom (hay, wood, straw)?

The Bible tells us that if our works do not stand the test, we will still be saved, but we will suffer eternal loss (see 1 Corinthians 3:9-15).

What Is Eternal

• God Himself is Eternal

*In the beginning you (God) laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish but you **remain**; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded. But you remain the same, and your years will **never** end.*

Psalm 102:25-27 (NIV)

• God's Word is Eternal

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Mark 13:31

• The Souls of Men and Women Are Eternal

People will last forever—either in Heaven with God...

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:16,17

...or separated from God in hell...

And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

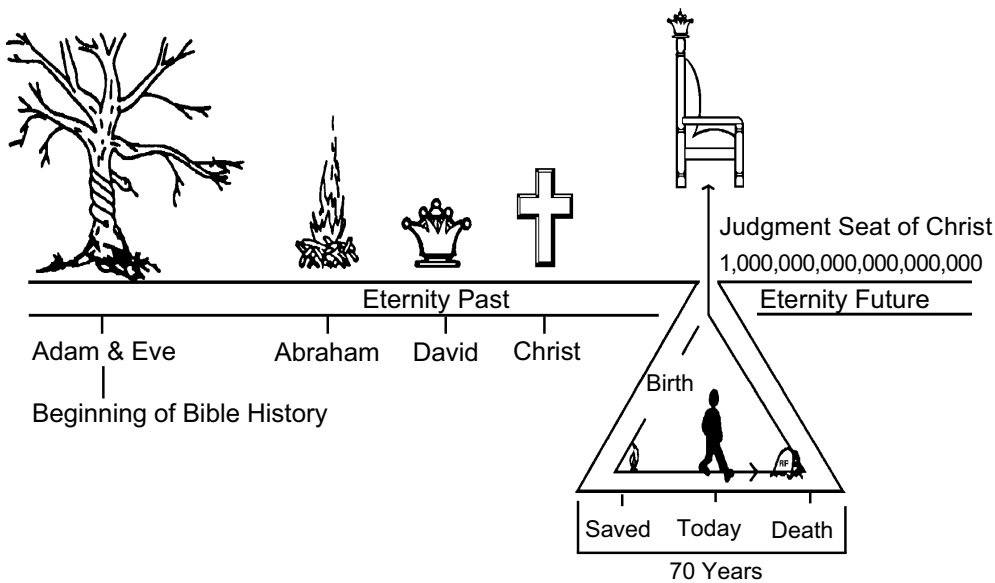
2 Thessalonians 1:7-10

Jesus said:

“Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”

John 6:27

Back to the Illustration — Summary



If we are going to obey Jesus’ command in this verse, we must give our lives in exchange for the three eternal values described above. You and I are here today moving toward the next great event in our lives—the time when death will move us back into the vastness of eternity. How much time do we have before that event?

The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Psalms 90:10

The Bible estimates that people have about seventy years of life; some have more, others less. After many years and millions of dollars of investigation, insurance companies have concurred with what the Bible said centuries ago.

You may be trying to mentally subtract your present age from seventy to figure out how many years you have left. But in reality, each of us is only one heartbeat away from God! We must conclude, then, that we have X amount of time left, and there is insufficient data to solve X.

The next question we must answer is this: What am I going to exchange my life for between now and the time God calls me home? Will it be for the eternal or the temporal?

Remember, forever is a long time. How many years equal forever? How many zeroes should I add to represent such a number? If I were to put 70 years over 1, then 70 is a long time. If I put 70 over 10; 100; 1,000; 10,000; or even 100,000; it does not take long to see how right our brother James was when he said, "Our life is like a vapor."

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It is during this vapor of life that we are deciding the two great realities of life. Life means different things to different people. Some people exchange it for these things of the world:

- **Wealth**
 - **Pleasure**
 - **Education**
 - **Status**
 - **Power**
 - **Materialism**
(ad infinitum)!

But what are you exchanging your life for?

DON'T EXCHANGE IT FOR THE WRONG THING!