

Discipleship 103

Stewardship & financial freedom

Lesson Nine: Our Accountability To God

In today's lesson we will discuss *Our Accountability To God*. After several weeks of study it now should be apparent that as Christians we have a responsibility to be good stewards. Today you will see that we also will be held accountable for that stewardship responsibility. Therefore, we must take seriously our stewardship obligation and look forward to one day being called "good and faithful."

The Christian at Christ's Coming

1. According to 2 Corinthians 5:10, what will Christ do when He comes again?

2. Notice that Paul says "we all." Who is this primarily for?

Note: Our sins have already been judged in Christ (Romans 8:1). The judgment here is of our works since the time we became a believer.

3. Read 1 Corinthians 3:11-15.

God's judgment of our works is compared to the reaction of certain materials to fire. According to this passage, what is God most interested in regarding the works we do for Him (verse 13)?

How is it then possible for us to spend long hours working for God, but have no reward whatsoever?

A Christian's works may be rejected, but what can he himself still be sure of (verse 15)?

The Time of Christ's Coming

- 1. The judgment of the Christian will take place when Christ comes again. When will that be (Acts 1:6-7)?**
- 2. On what should we concentrate until He comes (Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15)?**
- 3. Why has Christ waited so long already before coming (2 Peter 3:9)?**

The Earth at Christ's Coming

Read Mark 13. This chapter foretells the world conditions as Christ's coming approaches. As we see the world today becoming more like this, we know His coming is drawing nearer.

- 1. What will we see happening in religion (verses 5-6, 21-22)?**
- 2. What will the world situation be (verses 7-8).**
- 3. What will occur in nature (verse 8)?**
- 4. What will be the attitude toward true believers (verses 12-13)?**

5. Describe in your own words what you think Christ's coming will be like (verses 26-27).

Preparing for Christ's Coming

1. As a believer, what are you to do as His coming draws near (Mark 13:33)?

2. How will obedience to that instruction affect the following:

Your employment?

Your social life?

Your worship?

Your giving?

Life Application

- 1. As faithful stewards of God's resources, our primary responsibility is to help fulfill the Great Commission. If God were to call you into account for your stewardship, what would you say to Him (Luke 16:1-2; Hebrews 4:13; 1 Peter 4:5)?**
- 2. How can you be more faithful in your giving to help reach your world for Christ?**
- 3. In what ways are you storing up treasures in heaven?**
- 4. Look over your spending for the past month. What percentage did you give to God's work?**