“And the award goes to…” – the Judgment Seat of Christ

***Romans 14:10*** – We will be judged by Jesus, so why judge each other?

***2 Cor. 5:9-10*** – The quality of our works will be judged by Jesus at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

1. Who will be judged? – Christians

***Phil. 3:8*** – Earthly credentials mean nothing to God and should be jettisoned.

***Romans 8:1*** – Christians will not be condemned for their sins.

***2 Cor. 5:11*** – Paul recognized the seriousness of what will happen when he is judged.

1. Who will be judging? – Jesus

***John 5:22*** – The Father has committed all judgment into Jesus’ hands.

***Heb. 4:15*** – Since Jesus never sinned, He alone is qualified to judge.

***Matt. 6:4, 6, 18*** – Jesus will openly reward us for the good things we do in secret.

***Mark 4:22*** – Jesus will reveal everything.

***2 Sam. 12:11-12*** – Nathan told David that what he had done in secret would be done openly to him.

***John 8:7*** – The person who has no sin is qualified to judge.

***1 Cor. 11:31*** – If we judge ourselves, we don’t need someone else to judge us.

***Luke 15:21-23*** – The prodigal son didn’t need outside judgment. He had already judged himself.

***John 16:8*** – The Spirit is available to provide conviction of sin

***Psalm 139:23-24*** – We must open ourselves up to God’s examination and correction.

***Rev. 2:7*** – Listen to what God tells you.

***1 John 1:9*** – Seek forgiveness for sin so that He won’t have to judge it.

1. What will be judged? – works and motives

***Eph. 2:8-10*** – We don’t get saved by doing good works, but God wants us to do good works after salvation.

***Heb. 11:6*** – Faith pleases God.

***Luke 12:48*** – The more God gives you, the more He requires from you.

***Matt. 25:21, 23*** – If we use well what God has given, we will hear His affirmation.

***1 Cor. 13:11*** – God is pleased when we show love. Love evidences we are maturing.

***1 John 14:6*** – Love also evidences we are becoming like Jesus.

***1 Cor. 13:1-3*** – Love is the only motivation for works that gets us a reward.

***Heb. 4:12*** – Jesus evaluates not only what we do but why we do it.

***Prov. 6:16-19*** – Solomon lists seven things God hates. Pride is at the top of the list.

***Matt. 6:2*** – Jesus warns about doing acts to gain the approval of others.

***1 Cor. 10:31*** – God deserves the glory for the actions I do.

***Dan. 4:7; James 4:10*** – Exalt yourself and experience God’s humbling; humble yourself and experience God’s exaltation.

***John 15:5*** – Without Jesus, I can’t do anything.

***Romans 8:4-8*** – Control by God’s Spirit enables you to live for God.

***Isaiah 40:29-31*** – Waiting on God will provide you the strength to do what He requires.

1. Why will it be judged? – rewards
2. To determine the worth of the work.

***1 Cor. 5:10*** – Our works may be “good” or “bad.”

***1 Cor. 3:10-15*** – Our works will fall into one of two categories: wood, hay, and stubble or gold, silver, and precious stones.

***Matt. 25:20-23*** – The quality of the work will determine the quality of the reward.

***Luke 19:16-19*** – The quantity of the work will determine the quantity of the reward.

1. To determine the reward for the worker.

***Matt. 6:20*** – Jesus says that we are to lay up “treasures in heaven” knowing that they can never be taken from us through natural means.

***1 Cor. 9:25*** – Earthly runners gain a perishable crown. We gain eternal ones.

***2 Tim. 4:8*** – Crown of righteousness

***Rev. 2:10; James 1:10*** – Crown of life

***1 Pet. 5:4*** – Crown of glory

***1 Thess. 2:19*** – Crown of rejoicing