

"LIVING WITH THE END IN MIND"

Series: "WINNING WAYS: What Champions Know and Do", Part 6 of 9 Sunday, July 7, 2024, at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:6-15

Big Idea: A daily, conscious awareness that we will one day give an account for every facet of our lives changes the way we live each moment.

"The notion that God is watching you even when others are not is probably the most powerful civilizing force in all of human history. If you think God is watching ... you're going to think twice about your actions. Or at least it will give you a strong incentive to think twice." - Jonah Goldberg

"Without morals a republic cannot subsist any length of time; they therefore who are decrying the Christian religion, whose morality is so sublime and pure . . . are undermining the solid foundation of morals, the best security for the duration of a free government." - Charles Carroll

Romans 14:10b-12, "For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.' So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God."

2 Corinthians 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."

I. THE JUDGMENT IS FOR EVERYONE.

2 Corinthians 5:10a, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ."

The Savior Question.

The Stewardship Question.

A. The Savior Question.

Revelation 20:11-13, "Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another

book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done."

Revelation 21:27, "Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life."

B. The Stewardship Question.

Matthew 16:27, "For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done."

II. THE JUDGMENT IS PUBLIC.

2 Corinthians 5:10a, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ."

1 Corinthians 4:5, "Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God."

Luke 8:17, "For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open."

III. THE JUDGMENT IS INDIVIDUAL.

2 Corinthians 5:10b, "that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."

Romans 14:12, "So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God."

IV. THE JUDGMENT IS FAIR.

2 Corinthians 5:10b, "that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."

Romans 2:11, "For God does not show favoritism."

- 1 John 4:17a, "In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment."
- 2 Corinthians 5:15, "And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."