

GOD PROMISES REWARDS — HIS WORD SAYS SO

Scripture repeatedly tells us that **God rewards His people**. Heavenly rewards aren't something we have to speculate about—God specifically promises them.

God Will Reward His Servants

Revelation 11:18 — God will reward **His servants the prophets, the saints, and those who fear His name**.

Matthew 16:24–27 — The Son of Man will come in His Father's glory and **reward each person according to his works**.

Matthew 24:45–47 — The faithful servant who is found faithfully doing his master's work when he returns **will be rewarded**.

Matthew 25:14–30 — Parable of the Talents

The servants were held accountable for what had been entrusted to them. Their faithfulness and actions determined their reward.

KEY: God doesn't only look at what we've been given—He looks at **what we do with what we've been given**.

Jesus Tells Us to Expect Reward

Luke 6:35 — Love your enemies, do good and lend expecting nothing in return, **“and your reward will be great.”**

Luke 12:35–37 — Jesus describes servants faithfully waiting for their master. Amazingly, when the master finds them watching and ready, **he serves them**. Did you know Jesus is going to serve you at his table?

Luke 14:12–14 — Give and serve those who **cannot repay you**. Jesus says you **will be repaid at the resurrection of the just**.

There's an important principle here:

Don't live for repayment now when God promises repayment later.

There Is Reward for Kingdom Work

John 4:35–36 — The one who reaps **receives wages** and gathers fruit for eternal life.

Bringing people to Christ and participating in God's harvest has **eternal significance and reward**.

1 Corinthians 15:58 — Be steadfast and always abound in the work of the Lord, knowing:

Your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Even when we can't see immediate results, **God sees the work.**

Don't Grow Weary

Galatians 6:7–9 — We reap what we sow. If we sow to the Spirit, we reap everlasting life.

Don't grow weary while doing good, because **in due season we will reap if we don't give up.**

Sometimes the harvest doesn't come immediately.

Faithfulness now → Harvest later.

1 Peter 1:3–5 — God has reserved for us an **incorruptible, undefiled and unfading inheritance in heaven.**

Galatians 6:7–8 — Whatever a person sows, **that he will also reap.**

Colossians 3:23–24 — Whatever you do, do it heartily **as to the Lord**, knowing that **from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance.**

KEY

Do it for the Lord. He is the One who rewards you.

People may never recognize what you've done. They may never thank you or repay you.

God sees it. God remembers it. God rewards it.

WHAT ABOUT SACRIFICES WE MAKE NOW?

The Rich Young Ruler

Matthew 19:27–30

After Jesus' encounter with the rich young ruler, Peter asks essentially:

“We have left everything and followed You. What will we have?”

Jesus doesn't rebuke Peter for asking about reward.

Instead, He tells the disciples that there **will be reward.**

He says anyone who has left houses, family or lands for His name's sake will **receive a hundredfold and inherit eternal life**.

Mark's Account Adds Something Important

Mark 10:28–31

Mark records Jesus saying they will receive:

“a hundredfold now in this time” and “in the age to come, eternal life.”

That adds an interesting dimension to the study:

God's blessing isn't necessarily restricted entirely to heaven. Jesus specifically mentions **“now in this time”** while also pointing toward **the age to come**.

However, Jesus also includes:

“with persecutions.”

So this isn't a promise that following Christ produces an easy, trouble-free life. Kingdom reward and earthly difficulty can exist **at the same time**.

Connect This Back to True Riches

Revelation 3:17–18 — The Laodiceans believed they were rich, but Jesus told them to **buy gold from Him**.

That brings us right back to the beginning of the study: This is what the disciples did in the last two scriptures. They bought gold from Jesus.

What does God consider valuable?

Earthly wealth can disappear.

Earthly recognition can disappear.

Earthly accomplishments can disappear.

But what is done **for Christ and His Kingdom has eternal value**.

THE PATTERN THROUGH SCRIPTURE

God promises reward



He entrusts us with something



We faithfully use it for His Kingdom



We may not see the reward immediately



We don't grow weary or give up



God remembers our work



The harvest and reward come

Bottom Line

We shouldn't serve God **only to get something from Him**. But neither should we ignore rewards when **God Himself repeatedly tells us about them**.

The promise of reward gives us an **eternal perspective** when obedience is costly, service goes unnoticed, giving requires sacrifice, or we're tempted to quit. Colossians 3:2 Set your mind on things above not on earthly things.

What we do for the Lord is never wasted.