

Honing Our Purpose

2 Corinthians 5:7-10

Ambition is to be pleasing to the Lord

- Believer lives to a higher calling
 - Galatians 2:20 & 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - “...but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified” (**1 Corinthians 9:27 (NASB)**).
- Paul's exacting standard is the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Judgment Seat of Christ

- All believer's appear before the Judgment seat of Christ.
 - Judgment seat is the umpire seat assessing and giving rewards.

¹⁰ But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

¹¹ For it is written, "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE Lord, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD."

¹² So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.

Romans 14:10-12 (NASB)

Judgment Seat of Christ

- The primary purpose of His judgment is to assess and the believers for the manner which they used thereward ir opportunities.

⁵ Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

1 Corinthians 4:5 (NASB)

What will be Taken into Account?

- Our Testimony to Christ – Phil. 2:16
- Our Suffering for Christ – 1 Peter 4:13
- Our Faithfulness to Christ – LK. 12:42-43; Rev. 2:10
- Our Service to Christ – 1 Cor. 3:8; Heb. 6:10
- Our Generosity to Christ – 2 Cor.9:6; 1 Tim.6:17-19
- Our use of time for Christ – Eph. 5:15-16; Col. 4:5
- Our exercise of spiritual gifts – Matt. 25:14-28; 1 Peter 4:10
- Our self-discipline for Christ – 1 Cor. 9:24-25
- Our winning of souls for Christ – 1 Thess. 2:19