Focal Point Radio Ministries

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Message # 02-30

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Topic: Leadership. Judgment. Study: First Corinthians

1 Corinthians 3:10-17

Week: 16 Series: 2 of 5

Text:

People Who Make a Difference

Mindful of Your Review

As	You Make a Difference	
1.	Get	_ (w.10-13)
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1 Cor. 3:10-17

¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13 his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire. and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. 14 If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. 15 If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames. 16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple. (N/V)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. How often would you say you think about your future "review" and what impact do those thoughts have on your daily life?

Why do you think Christians these days don't talk much about the Bible's teaching regarding the future "judgment of God's children"?

2. How has the pervasive myth of purgatory muddied the waters when it comes to thinking rightly about Christ's appraisal of your Christian life?

How can the popular myth of a translucent, nirvanic, non-sentient heaven wrongly impact your thinking about your future review?

3. Read Matthew 6:20; 1 Corinthians 9:25; 2 Timothy 4:8; and Revelation 22:12. Some consider any discussion about future "rewards" unspiritual. Obviously God disagrees. In what situations have you found God's promises concerning future rewards to be an encouragement or a motivation to make a

difference for Christ?

4. Our passage underscores the potential "loss" we might feel on the day of our review. How do you think this negative motivation can be utilized to effect the quality and quantity of your interaction with people this week?

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule. Sunday Lam.1-2 & 1Tim.2

Lam.3-5 & 1Tim.3

Tuesday

Monday

Ezk.1-2 & 1Tim.4 Wednesday

Ezk.3-4 & 1Tim.5 Thursday

Ezk.5-6 & 1Tim.6

Friday Ezk.7-8 & 2Tim.1

Saturday

Ezk.9-10 & 2Tim.2

Here are some resources to help you understand and live in light of God's review of your impact on others.

Bounds, Edward M. Heaven: A Place, A City, A Home. Baker Books, 1975.

Lutzer, Erwin. Your Eternal Reward: Triumph and Tears at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Moody Press, 1998. (As with all listed resources, discernment should be used when reading this title. Lutzer occasionally overstates his case – e.g., his attempt to suggest a significant distinction between "inherit the kingdom" & "possess the kingdom" in chapter 4.)

MacArthur, John. *The Glory of Heaven: The Truth About Heaven, Angels and Eternal Life.* Crossway Books, 1996. Moody, Dwight L. *Heaven.* Reprint. Moody Press, 1995.

Stowell, Joseph. *Eternity: Reclaiming a Passion for What Endures.* Chicago: Moody Press, 1995.

Habermas, Gary and J. P. Moreland. Immortality: The Other Side of Death. Thomas Nelson, 1992.

Hanegraaff, Hank. Resurrection. Word Publishing, 2000.