

"FUTURE REWARD"

Hebrews 10:32-39

December 22, 2013

Looking ahead -

Dec. 29 - No class. All Big Groups do not meet the Sunday between Christmas and New Years.

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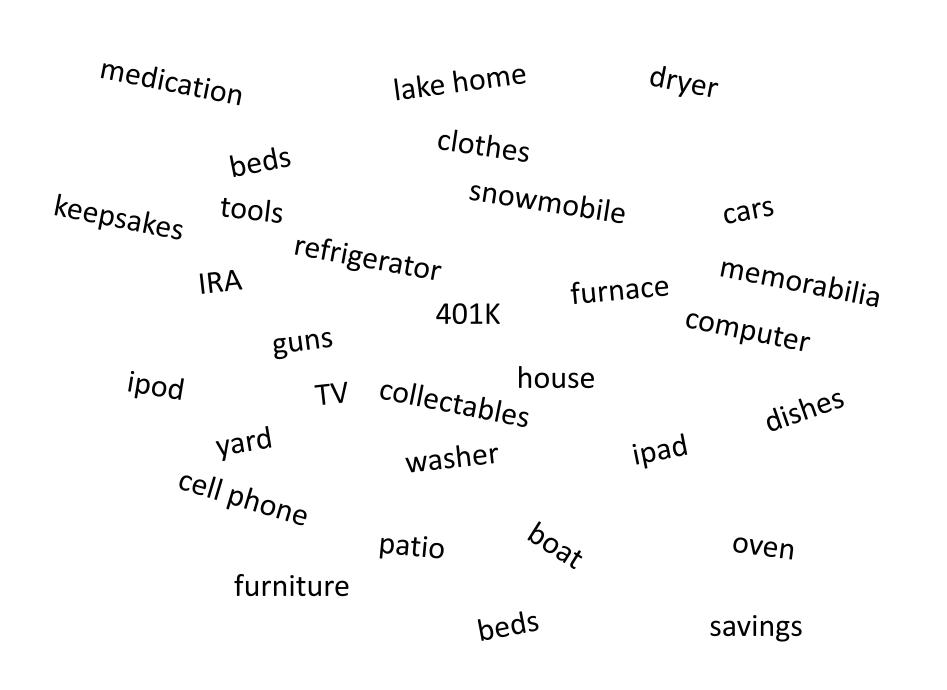
1 Cor 4:8-13

- 8 You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and indeed, I wish that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you.
- 9 For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.
- 10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor.
- 11 To this present hour we are both hungry and thirsty, and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are homeless;
- 12 and we toil, working with our own hands; when we are reviled, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure;
- 13 when we are slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, even until now.

1 Cor 15:31-32

- 31 I affirm, brethren, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.
- 32 If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised,

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How important are all of your material possessions to you?

- 2 ways to tell -
- 1. How much time do you now spend on them?
- Talking about them
- Shopping for them
- Upgrading them
- Repairing them
- 2. If persecuted and everything was taken away, what would your reaction be?

Look at it this way:

- 1. To suffer such persecution patiently is great.
- 2. To endure it without complaining is greater.
- 3. To rejoice in it is greatest of all.

Acts 5:40-42

- 40 They took his advice; and after calling the apostles in, they flogged them and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and then released them.
- 41 So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name.
- 42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

2 Cor 4:17-18

- 17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,
- 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Rom 8:18

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

1 Peter 1:6,7

- 6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,
- 7 so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Rom 5:3

3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations,

Col 1:24

24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake,

Matt 6:19-21

- 19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.
- 20 "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;
- 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

1 John 2:15-17

- 15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.
- 17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

2 Peter 3:10

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

Material **Possessions**

Eternal Reward

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

4.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

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The Four Crowns of Scripture



The Crown of Righteousness

* II Tim. 4:6-8

* I Cor. 9:24-27



Faithfulness in accomplishing God's will for your life.

The Crown of Life

* James 1:12

* Rev. 2:10

Faithfulness in trials.



The Crown of Joy

* I Thes. 2:19

* Phil. 4:1

* I Cor. 3:12-15



Faithfulness in witnessing and discipleship.

The Crown of Glory

* I Peter 5:1-4

* I Cor. 3:12-15

Faithfulness in correctly shepherding the flock of God.

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"Confidence"

"CONFIDENCE: THE ASSURANCE THAT GOD WILL BE FAITHFUL TO ALL OF HIS PROMISES ."

1. We can have confidence in the day of judgment.

1 John 4:17

- 17 By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment;
- 2. We can have confidence when Christ appears.

1 John 2:28

28 Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.

3. We can have confidence in prayer.

Heb 4:16

16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Heb 10:19

19 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,

4. We can have confidence when we follow Christ.

Heb 10:35-36

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5. We can have confidence if our heart (conscience) does not condemn us.

1 John 3:21

21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;

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