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Introduction

The good news is that God is a very merciful Judge. The challenging news is that we will all stand before His throne one day and give an account for the things we said and did on this earth.

We cannot adequately judge ourselves or others because our judgment is flawed, and we are not omniscient or as merciful as our Father in heaven. Even still, if we are wise, we are preparing for this appointed day in which we die and stand before God as Judge.

Hebrews 9:27

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1. All Will Stand Before The Judge One Day

Matthew 25:31-41

31 “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then **He will sit on the throne** of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, **‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you** from the foundation of the world...

41 “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the **everlasting fire** prepared for the devil and his angels...

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2. Our Days Are Numbered

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3. God Rewards Mercifully, Man Does Not

- ~ We Judge Ourselves Poorly
- ~ We Judge Other People Poorly

1 Corinthians 4:3-4

3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. 4 For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord.

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4. **We Are Judged By Our Labor, Not Our Crowd or Impact**

Matthew 20:1-16

1 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 And he went out about the third hour and saw others **standing idle** in the marketplace, 4 and said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’

So, they went. 5 Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did likewise. 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, **‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’**

7 They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and **whatever is right you will receive.**’ 8 “So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.’

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9 And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. 10 But when the first came, **they supposed that they would receive more;** and they likewise received each a denarius.

11 And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, 12 saying, **‘These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’** 13 But he answered one of them and said, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?

14 Take what is yours and go your way. **I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. 15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’** 16 So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.”

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Paul gave us details about the most important appointment in our life—the judgment seat of Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:8

Each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor...

5. Are You a Billy Graham or Helen Keller?

We are all given an inheritance by God, life and our parents. We are only judged by what we have done with what we have been given. It is critical that we never compare ourselves with others.

Matthew 25:14-19

14 “For **the kingdom of heaven** is like a man traveling to a **far country**, who **called his own servants and delivered his goods to them**. 15 And to one **he gave five talents**, to another **two**, and to another **one**, to **each according to his own ability**; and immediately **he went on a journey**.

16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded

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with them and made another five talents. 17 And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. 18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground and hid his lord's money. 19 **After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.**

Billy Graham was raised in a healthy household and trained well by His parents. Helen Keller was born deaf and blind. Our merciful Father will judge them both yet only by their God-given abilities according to Matthew 25.

Our overall natural born health will be considered when we stand before God. This is great news!

- ~ Our Physical Ability
- ~ Our Emotional Ability
- ~ Our Relation Ability
- ~ Our Financial Ability
- ~ Our Circumstantial Ability
- ~ Our Spiritual Ability

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6. We Are Also Judged By Our Righteousness of Heart

Matthew 5:19

19 Whoever breaks one of the least of **these commandments**...shall be **called least** in the kingdom...but **whoever does and teaches them**, he shall be **called great** in the kingdom...

We must repent of lying, lusting, prayerlessness, lukewarmness, gossip, arguing, division, fornication, adultery, drug and alcohol addiction etc.

7. My Action Plan To Receive Eternal Rewards

People need people to stay on track. You would be wise to join a healthy Book of Acts church and do what their leaders do.

~ Pray with them regularly. Pick one or more of our FHC daily prayer meetings and make a commitment to be there. Let Stacy know the day of your choice.

~ Fast with us every Thursday to Friday.

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~ Show up at our 301-401 monthly meeting and get on our radar. Let us know that you are eager and willing to do whatever needs to be done. We will appoint you on a team that will best match your heart and natural abilities.

~ Confess your besetting sins to your small group leader or someone else as soon as sin encroaches.

Let's go after Kingdom Greatness Together!