

Rewards\$

What is a Reward System?

- ◆ What:

A reward system encourages behavior that furthers a purpose while reinforcing a value system within a group.

- ◆ How:

It creates hope for future compensation to participants for performing tasks and achieving outcomes above and beyond an assigned role.

- ◆ Why:

Inspire disciplined decision making while creating accountability.

Reward System Environment

- ◆ A purpose to further
- ◆ A value system to reinforce
- ◆ An economy to trade in

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- ◆ A purpose to further
 - ◆ “To glorify God as we participate with Him in the process of becoming prepared for an eternity in heaven” -Establishing Your Purpose
 - ◆ Glorify God: Eph 3:14-21, Rom 11:36
 - ◆ The Great Commission: Math 28:19
 - ◆ Conformed to His Image: Rom 8:29

Reward System Environment

- ◆ A value system to reinforce
 - ◆ Mathew 22:37-40: “You shall love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... You shall love your neighbor as yourself’, On these two commandments hang all the Law and Prophets”
 - ◆ Mathew 7:12 “Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”
 - ◆ Relationships: God, People = Eternal

Reward System Environment

- ◆ An economy to trade in
 - ◆ Math 19:16-30 (Rich Man Seeking Eternity)
“...if you want to enter life, keep the commandments...if you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”
 - ◆ “And everyone who has [given up anything], for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.”
 - ◆ We trade our lives: time, effort, comfort, money, etc.
 - ◆ He trades in eternal rewards

Reward System Components

- ◆ Rules / Rewarded Behavior
- ◆ Special Compensation Valued by Participants
- ◆ Impartial Assignment of Awards
- ◆ Hope of Future Gain that invokes Fear of Loss

Biblical Rewards

- ◆ 1 Corinthians 3:11-15
 - ◆ Your works are either built on the foundation of Christ or NOT
 - ◆ These works will be tested by fire, the work that remains will get rewarded
 - ◆ The work that is burned, will result in loss.
 - ◆ Not loss of salvation: Eph 2:8-9
 - ◆ But loss as if through fire!

Biblical Rewards

- ◆ Romans 2:5-6, 11

“...revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who “will render to each one according to his deeds,” ...” For there is no partiality with God.”

- ◆ 1 Peter 1:6-7

- ◆ Your faith is more precious than gold

- ◆ May be found to praise, honor and glory

Biblical Rewards

- ◆ Colossians 3:23-24
 - ◆ "...knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance;"
 - ◆ "But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done,"
 - ◆ "and there is no partiality."

Biblical Rewards

- ◆ Mathew 6:19-21

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

- ◆ Why doesn't it read “Treasures? Where we are going, we don't need treasures!”

This sounds selfish!?

- ◆ Should I be motivated to do good for rewards?
- ◆ When is it GREEDY?
- ◆ Selfish vs Self Interested
- ◆ Temporal Ambition vs Eternal Hope
- ◆ If you give up something to do something, then you did it for a profit of some kind.
- ◆ What you define as profit reflects your value system.

The Mind of Christ

- ◆ Jesus Tempted

- ◆ Mathew 4:1-11: “..Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.”

- ◆ Jesus and the Cross

- ◆ Hebrews 12:2-3: “looking unto Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Closing Thoughts

- ◆ Positive vs Negative Commandments
- ◆ Why Prepare for an eternity with Christ?
- ◆ Will you have Free Will in eternity?
- ◆ Psalm 90:12 "So teach us to number our days,
That we may gain a heart of wisdom."