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THE REWARD



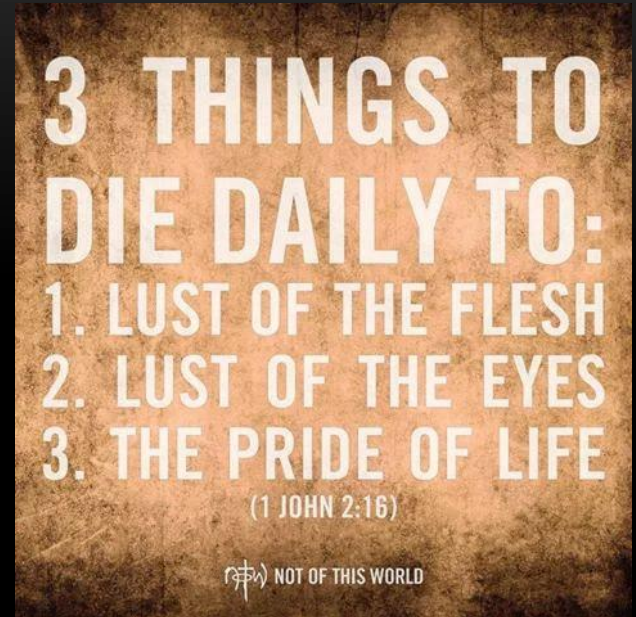
INTRODUCTION

- Keys to a successful journey
 - Prayer
 - Fasting
 - Charity



INTRODUCTION

- Satan attacks mankind on three primary fronts:
 - Body
 - Ego
 - Possessions
 - All sins are rooted in one of the above
- The Lord Christ promises a reward to those who embark on this journey



WHY REWARD US?

- “...and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.” (Matt. 6:4,6,18)
 - Who benefits from our pursuit of righteousness?
 - Encouragement
 - Invokes seriousness
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THE REWARD IS CERTAIN

- Persecution
 - “Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matt. 5:12)
- Cup of cold water
 - “And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.” (Matt. 10:42)

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- For the workers
 - “And while they [foolish virgins] went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.” (Matt. 25:10)



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- His promise
 - “When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.” (Lk. 14:12-14)
 - “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.” (Rev. 22:12)

WHAT IS OUR REWARD?

- Difference between Old Testament and New Testament rewards
- EX: Abraham
- “After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.” But Abram said, “Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus.”
(Gen. 15:1-2)

WHAT IS OUR REWARD?

1. Acceptance

2. Increased responsibility

- “For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.”
(Matt. 25:29)

3. Eternal joy in the Kingdom of Heaven

WHAT CAN THREATEN OUR REWARD?

1. Searching for a reward
 2. Ego
 3. Personal gain
 4. Obligation
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CONCLUSION

“Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.” (2 Jn. 1:8)

“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.”
(1 Cor. 9:24)