

REWARDS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

MEMORY VERSE: **And, behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be” (Revelation 22:12) (READ: Luke 19:11-19)**

Introduction:

The parable of the pounds told by the Lord Jesus Christ is an illustration of proportional reward for believers’ labor on earth before their death. For instance, the servant who was given a pound and gained another ten pounds was rewarded with authority to rule over ten cities while the man with a pound and who gained additional five pounds had authority over five cities. The position of proportional rewards can also be found in:

Revelation 22:12: **And behold, I come quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every man according as his work shall be.**

1 Cor.3:14-15: **If any man’s work abide which he hath built thereon, he shall receive a reward. If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as fire.**

A. Conditions for Receiving Rewards

- Forsaking of house, parents, brethren, wife or children for the sake of the kingdom. (Matthew 19:28-30): **And Jesus said unto them, “Verily I say unto you, that ye that have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit on the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone that hath forsaken houses or brethren or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last, and the last shall be first.**
- Showing love to enemies, doing well and lending without hope of collecting back. (Luke 6:35): **But love ye your enemies, and do good and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest; for He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.**
- Keeping God’s commandments which include honoring your father and mother. (Luke 18:20): **Thou knowest the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery.’ ‘Do not kill.’ ‘Do not steal.’ ‘Do not bear false witness.’ ‘Honor thy father and thy mother.’”**
- Distributing to the necessities of the poor and following Christ. (Luke 18:22): **Now when Jesus heard these things, He said unto him, “Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in Heaven; and come, follow Me.”**
- Enduring all things (troubles and bond) for the sake of the elect. (2 Timothy 2:10): **Therefore I endure all things for the elect’s sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.**
- Setting aside every weight and sin and running with patience the race. (Hebrews 12:1): **Therefore, seeing we also are compassed about by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,**
- Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

(Hebrews 12:2): **looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

- Faithfulness unto death.

(Revelation 2:10): **Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer. Behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried, and ye shall have tribulation ten days. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of Life.**

- Being persecuted for Christ.

(Matthew 5:11-12): **Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in Heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you.**

B. Rewards For the Overcomers

- They will eat of the tree of life.

(Revelation 2:7): **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.'**

- They will not partake in the second death.

(Revelation 2:11): **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. He that overcometh shall not be hurt by the second death.'**

- They will eat of the hidden manna and have a white stone with a new name written on it.

(Revelation 2:17): **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth save he that receiveth it.'**

- They will have power over nations.

(Revelation 2:26): **And he that overcometh and keepeth My works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations,**

- They shall be clothed in white raiment.

(Revelation 3:5a): **He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; * Their names will not be blotted out of the book of life.**

(Revelation 3:5b): **and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life**

- Jesus will confess them before God the Father and His angels.

(Revelation 3:5b): **but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.**

- They will be pillars in the temple of God and will bear Jesus' name.

(Revelation 3:12): **Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more; and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God, and I will write upon him My new name.**

- They will seat with the Lord Jesus on His throne

(Revelation 21:3): **And I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them; and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them and be their God.**

C. Some Crowns For the Saints

- Crown of life for those who are faithful unto death

(Revelation 2:10): **Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer. Behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried, and ye shall have tribulation ten days. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of Life.**

- Crown of life for those that endureth temptation.

(James 1:12) **Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to those who love Him.**

- Crown of glory for elders/pastors who feed the flock.

(1 Peter 5:1-4): **The elders who are among you I exhort, who am also an elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight of them, not by constraint but willingly, not for filthy lucre but out of a ready mind, neither as being lords over God's heritage, but by being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.**

- Crown of righteousness for those who fought the good fight and finished their course and kept the faith.

(2 Timothy 4:7-8): **I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me on that Day — and not to me only, but unto all those also who love His appearing.**

- Crown of rejoicing for those who have suffered for Jesus and remain steadfast.

(1 Thessalonians 2:19): **For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?**

- Incorruptible crown for those who are temperate in all things.

(1 Corinthians 9:24-25): **Know ye not that those who run in a race all run, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain it. And every man that striveth for mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible.**

D. Other Types of Rewards

Apart from crowns and leadership positions in His kingdom as kings and priests, the believer will also be privileged to:

- Reign with Christ

(Romans 8:17-18): **and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if so it be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**

- Behold His face.

(Psalms 17:15): **As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness.**

(Revelation 22:4): **And they shall see His face, and His name shall be in their foreheads.**

- Inherit all things.

(Revelation 21:7): **He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.**

- Shine as a star:

(Daniel 12:3): **And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.**

- Be a pillar in the temple of God.

(Revelation 3:12): **Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more; and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God, and I will write upon him My new name.**

- Have access to the tree of life.

(Revelation 22:1-5): **And he showed me a pure river of the Water of Life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, there was the Tree of Life, which bore twelve kinds of fruit and yielded her fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. And they shall see His face, and His name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there, and they will need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light. And they shall reign for ever and ever.**

(Revelation 22:14): **Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.**

Conclusion

On big reward for the faithful servants of Christ is to enter into the joy of the Lord.

(Matthew 25:21-23): **His lord said unto him, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy lord.'** "He also that had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents; behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.' His lord said unto him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy lord.'

Those who will receive this reward would have made the best use of their talents given to them by God.

For another teaching on rewards see:

[Christian Theology](#) slides 246-258 at: