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# Christ's Reward; Our Reward

Philippians 2:9





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- Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him,

**Therefore**

Links us back to v. 8



# Philippians 2:8

- And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

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**This is Christ's Reward  
for accomplishing the  
redemption of all who  
would be saved.**





# Philippians 2:9

- **Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him,**
- **and given him a name which is above every name:**

**God exalted His  
Son because He  
was well pleased in  
all that Christ  
accomplished!**





## Matthew 3:17 (ESV)

- and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

## Matthew 17:5 (ESV)

- He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

Now let's ask:

Can a follower of  
Christ please  
God?



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**Some say 'NO'—using  
Isaiah 64:6 as their  
justification.**

**I am sure I have taken this v. out of context.**



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**Please turn back to  
Isaiah 64:6**





## Isaiah 64:6 (ESV)

- We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
- We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

NET



# Isaiah 64:6 (NET)

- We are all like one who is unclean,
- all our so-called righteous acts are like a menstrual rag in your sight.
- We all wither like a leaf; our sins carry us away like the wind.

Why did the NET Bible translators add the word “so-called” in front of righteous acts?

## Context

We are going to look at the v. before and after.





# Isaiah 64:5

- You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?



# Isaiah 64:7

- There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

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**Here is the bottom line:**  
**Their righteous acts**  
**in v. 6**  
**were NOT righteous.**



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**Turn To**

**Hebrews 11:5**



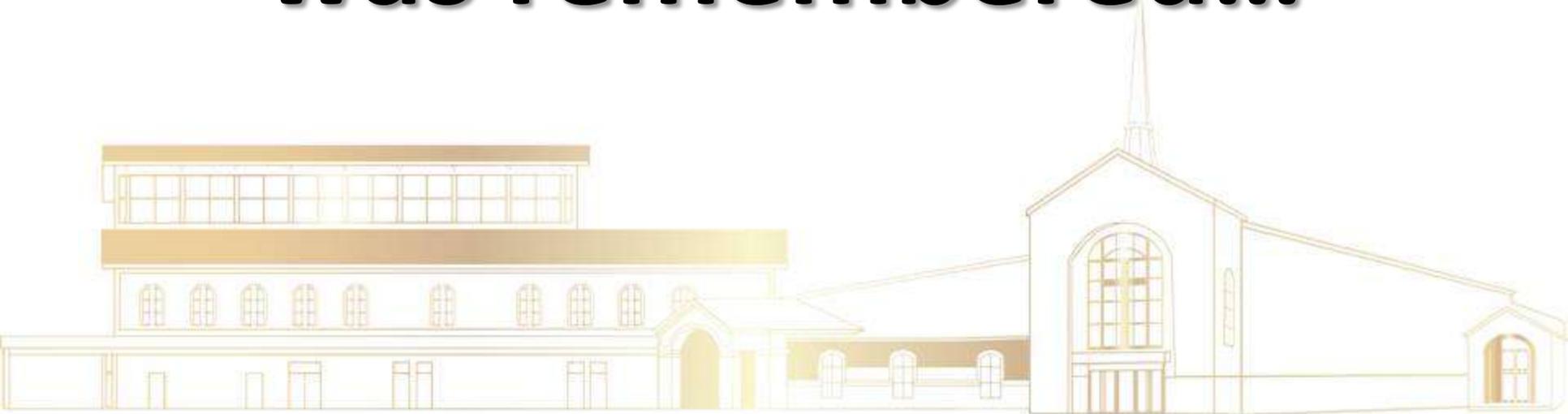


# Hebrews 11:5

- **By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.**

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**How will you and I be  
remembered? Enoch  
was remembered...**



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# Turn to Romans 12:1



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**In contrast to Christ's  
sacrificial death, Paul  
appeals to all Christians  
to be a living sacrifice.**





## Romans 12:1 (ESV)

- I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

# εὐάρεστος

## Transliteration

*euarestos*

## Pronunciation

yü-ä'-re-stos (Key)



## Part of Speech

adjective

## Root Word (Etymology)

From εὖ (G2095) and ἀρεστός (G701)

## Dictionary Aids

**Virtual** **Thesaurus** **Dictionary**: [View Entry](#)

**TD** **Reference**: 1:456,77

**KJV** **Translation Count** — Total: 9x

**The KJV translates Strong's G2101 in the following manner:** acceptably (4x), well pleasing (3x), please well (with G1510) (1x), accepted (1x).



## Romans 12:1 (NET)

- Therefore I exhort you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a sacrifice—alive, holy, and pleasing to God—which is your reasonable service.

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**We CANNOT appease  
God's wrath or satisfy  
His justice, BUT we can  
please God.**



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**In fact, we must say, that  
God saved us so that our  
lives are consistently  
pleasing to him.**





## Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV)

- For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,<sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.<sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

# Believer's Have Been

- Filled with Holy Spirit
- Given a New Heart
- Made a New Creature
- Granted access to the grace of God

**So that we can  
please God!**



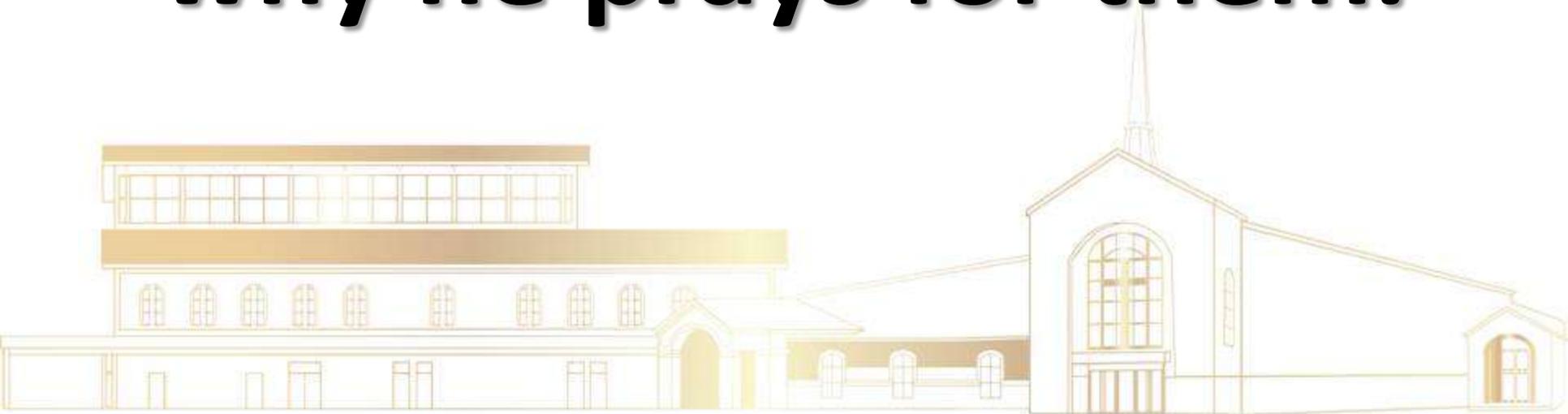
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**Turn To**  
**Colossians 1:9ff**



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**Look at how Paul prays  
for other believers and  
why he prays for them.**





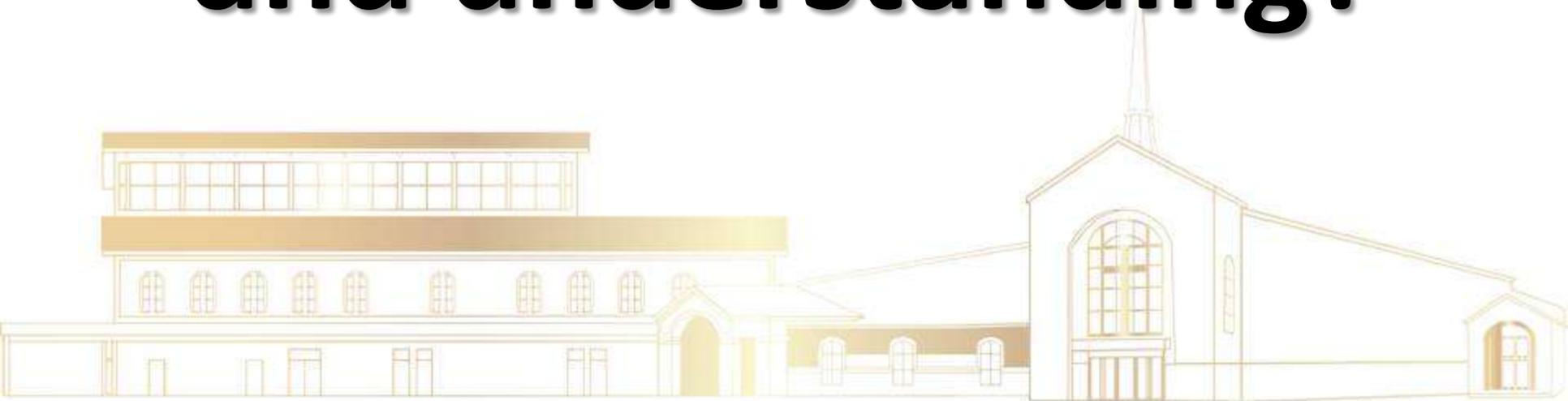
# Colossians 1:9

- **And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,**

**so that**

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**What is the purpose  
of spiritual wisdom  
and understanding?**





# Colossians 1:10

- **That ye** might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

# Wisdom from God

Wisdom is the discernment and insight needed for a Christian to live in a fallen world in a way that is consistently pleasing to the Lord.

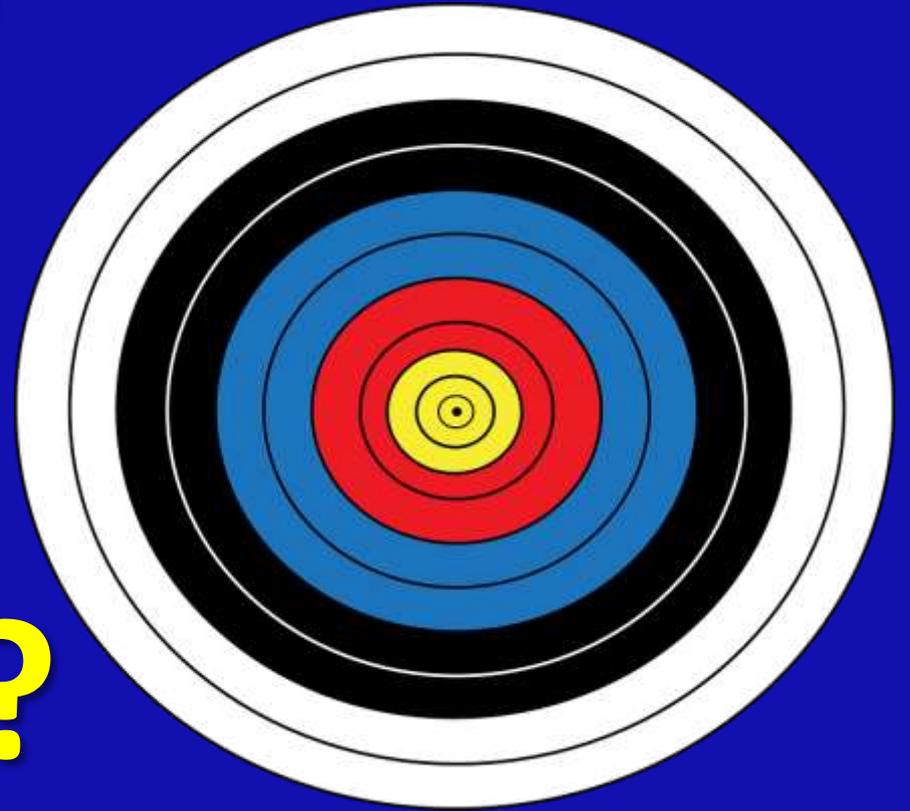




## 2 Corinthians 5:8-9

- Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, **we make it our aim to please him.**

Is it your  
aim to  
please  
the Lord?



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**Look how children can  
please the Lord.**





# Colossians 3:20

- Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

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**Adult children and adult grandchildren taking care of their aged parents is pleasing to the Lord.**





# 1 Timothy 5:4

- But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God.

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**Turn to**

**1 Timothy 2:1-3**





# 1 Timothy 2:1-2

- First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.



# 1 Timothy 2:3

- This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,

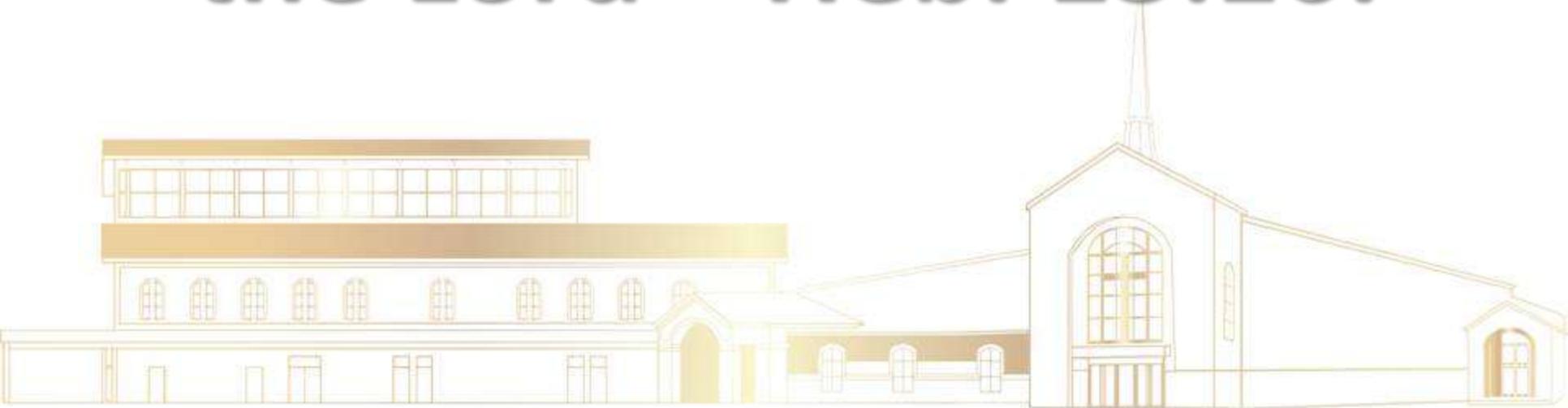
Peaceful  
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Lives Please the Lord



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**Being a generous  
person is pleasing to  
the Lord—Heb. 13:16.**





# Hebrews 13:16

- Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.



# Hebrews 13:20-21

- **Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,** <sup>21</sup> **Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.**



# 1 John 3:22

- and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

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**Is there a reward for  
pleasing the Lord?**





# Matthew 5:12 (ESV)

**When you are being persecuted.**

- **Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**



# Matthew 6:1

- **“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.**



# Matthew 6:2 & 4

- “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.
- so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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**Turn To**  
**Matthew**  
**10:41-42**





# Matthew 10:41-42

- The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.

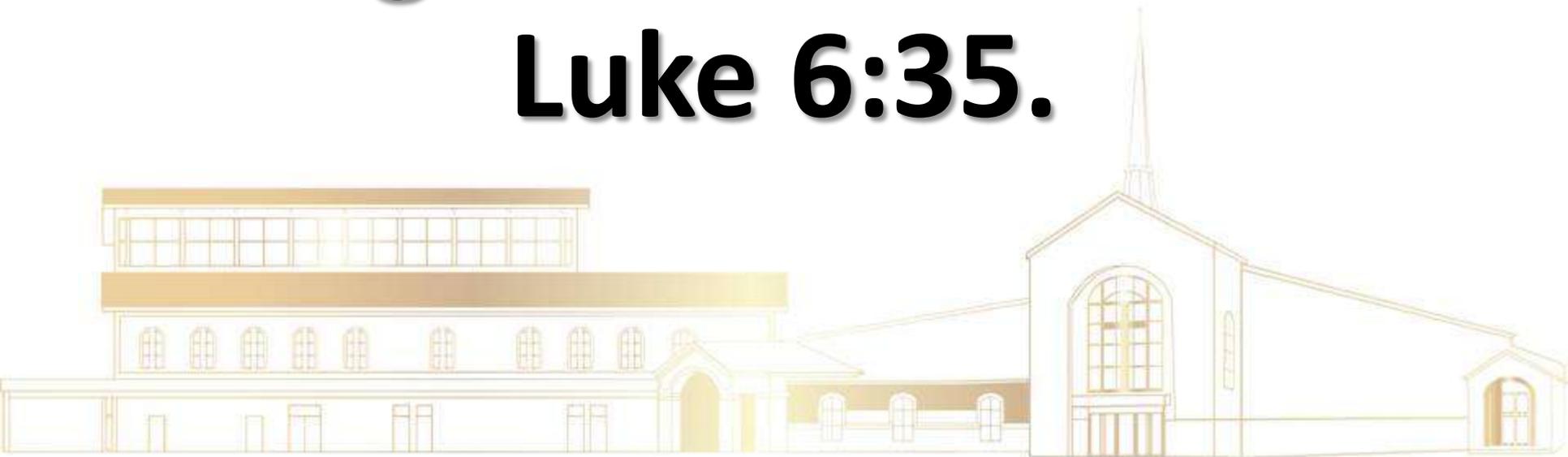


# Matthew 10:41-42

- <sup>42</sup> **And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”**

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**Look how Jesus links  
specific behavior to  
great reward in  
Luke 6:35.**





## Luke 6:35

- But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

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**Paul speaks with great  
clarity concerning  
future reward in 1 Cor. 3**





# 1 Corinthians 3:11-13

- **For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— <sup>13</sup> each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.**



# 1 Corinthians 3:14-15

- If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.
- If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.