

The Rewards of Discipleship

Mark 10:28-31

Review – Simple Obedience In Forsaking All To Follow Jesus

- ▣ Forsake: to renounce or turn away from entirely; to give up; to leave; to abandon.
- ▣ All: every one of; everything.
- ▣ Purpose: to submit my life completely to the Lord Jesus and to “forsake all” to follow Him.
- ▣ Goal: for all believers to become disciples of the Lord Jesus.

Review Lessons Taught

1. Understanding Discipleship – The process by which we bring all of life under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
2. The Cost of Discipleship – It will cost you everything.
3. The Discipline of Discipleship –
 - Discipline: training that develops self-control; strict control to enforce obedience.
 - A. The disciple exercises himself to godliness.
 - B. Spiritual discipline is built into the grace of God.
 - C. The disciple must pursue Jesus Christ.

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- ▣ The ideal of rewards on earth and in heaven is foreign to many and is rejected by others.

- ▣ Reward is the point of this passage.
 1. Peter asked about rewards (v. 28).
 - Peter was shocked and stunned.
 - ▣ Jesus used Peter's question to teach a wonderful truth.
 - A. "We have left everything."
 - B. "We... Have followed you."
 - Leaving everything and following Christ are the two bases for reward.

- 2. He receives a hundred times what he gives up (v. 29-30).
 - The crucial point: what is given is given "for Christ and for the gospel."
- A. The giving of housing and family.

He Receives:

- ▣ A spiritual bond and kinship with a much larger family (Mt. 12:46-50).

- ▣ A fellowship and communion, a very present and practical help, when needed through the local church.

▣ The presence of the Spirit of God who communes with and directs him day by day.

B. The giving of property and wealth.

- The true believer seeks first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (Mt. 6:33).
- The true believer works so that he may have enough to give to others.
- The true disciple gives all he is and has to meet the needs of a desperate world.
- The whole idea is that the believer never sees an end to what he receives from God.
- The other idea is that of security and confidence and assurance.

3. He will receive persecution (2Tim. 3:12).

▣ The word “persecute” means to be insulted; abused; or ridiculed for Christ.

4. He receives eternal life (v.30). Eternal life means – to live forever in a perfect state of being.

5. He receives an immediate assurance and warning (v. 31).