

# PRINCIPLES FOR ETERNITY

## LIVING FOR ETERNITY

This morning we begin a new series called Living for Eternity. We have taught series on principles of success on this earth. Finally total success not only in terms of what happen on the earth but what happen in eternity. After we are born again we realized that we have an eternal home in heaven. God has a tremendous storehouse of blessings for us to enjoy, to participate in eternity for thousands and thousands of years in eternity we are going to live with God. Jesus did say a few statements here that we want to read as we introduce this subject.

In the book of John 15: 19 *“If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”*

Jesus says that although we are in the world but we are not of the world. So there must be a difference in our goals, in our principles that we adhere to that will cause us to rise to please God. We also want to read II Cor. 5: 9-11 *“Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.”*

There is a judgment of believers. We know that there are different types of judgments. There is a judgment of believers, the judgment of the saints, not for salvation but for reward. For as long as we are born again, we are saved, but the question is whether we are rewarded up there. Sometimes Christians may not be

rewarded in heaven although they maybe saved. They may lose all of their reward, as we will see in I Corinthians later on. But there is a reward up there and those who build their works on hay and wood in the judgment of believers will find themselves without any reward. The reason for this series is that we do not want any single here or those who hear these worlds reach the shore of eternity and find out that you have no reward. It will be the most awesome, embarrassing moment of your life in eternity. You will not know what to say. You will not know what to do; you can't change what has been established for there is a judgment of believers that we must live for, that we must live conscious of that. But many times as we live our lives on this earth we get caught in the affairs of this life. We forget to have eternity in our hearts or live for it in eternity. There are four basic areas of principles that we want to focus on as we look into this series this morning "Living for Eternity."

First of all, we want to consider the book of I Cor. 3: 10 onwards to verse 15. He is not talking about the unbelievers. There are different types of judgment. There is a judgment of believers. There is a judgment on nations and there is an eternal White Throne judgment. There are judgments of believers that are referred to in verse 10 onwards.

*"According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay that that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it."*

Now that Day is the judgment of believers. Sometimes the word Day or judgment day refers to the judgment on nations. Sometimes it refers to the eternal White Throne judgment. Why doesn't it refer to the White Throne judgment because the White Throne judgment is not going to judge the works but going to judge whether a person has received Jesus Christ or not. For all the works of a sinner are unrighteous, but here is a judgment of believers where everyone's works will be judged, will become manifest for the Day. Now its not that everyone did not do some work but is that everyone has done some work but it's the quality of the work. The wise man and the foolish man in the book of Matthew 7, both built

houses. It was not that the foolish man was lazy. He worked as hard as the wise man to build a house. Of course the wise may work a bit harder because he built on the rock and may need harder foundation. But basically the foolish man also did a lot of work to build the house. It is the foundation that makes the difference and not just the absence of work.

It says *“every work will be revealed by fire and the fire will test each one work or what sort it is.”* The quality. Verse 14, *“If anyone’s work which he has built on endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved.”* Notice he is a believer he will be saved but he has no reward. Yet so as through fire.

Howard Picman, the man who wrote ‘Demons and Eye witness account’ lived his life as a nominal Christian and reasonably successful but when he met Jesus Christ in a sort of encounter and vision, the first thing that happened was a fire that came out from Jesus Christ and burned his entire life’s work. And there naked before the Lord, he said, ‘God! I have visited the poor. I have done charity. I have done this.’ And as he said that all those works appeared before him and in a moment of time fire came out and burned all of them. He stood stunned not knowing what to answer God. What is our answer to Him when that happens? From that day forward, he learned that many of what we qualify to be success is not success in God’s sight. He examined his life and the Lord gave him a chance. He came back and that’s how he started his ministry. But here we see that is the quality of work. Whether it be silver, gold, precious stones or wood, hay, straw, how do we determine the quality? That’s principle number one. It is not just what we do, but it’s why we do it. If it’s our motivation that determines our reward in heaven. Something outwardly can look nice, even charitable, even benevolent, but if the motivation is not of love, is not for the sake of Jesus Christ, its wood and hay. Its of no value and has no power to stand in eternity.

The book of I Corinthians 13: 3 *“And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.”* There is no reward. There is no profit although on this earth such works like giving your body to be burned is very noble. If we all realize how much God value the

reason why we do our things or do the things we do and not just what we do we will be more careful about it. We will not just jump into something just because it is good. We want to examine ourselves in the sight of God. "God examine my heart, search my heart O God, know my heart, try my way." Why am I doing the things I do? What is my motivation for doing all those things? Whether there be good works, whether there be works in society, whether there be areas in our career, why do we do those things we do? May God change our hearts, motivate our hearts so that the only reason that we do whatever we do is born out of a desire to love, out of a desire to help, out of the desire to show the manifested Christ in our life, out of the desire to bless humanity but never out of the desire to be selfish or out of the desire for attention or out of a desire for recognition. All the works that are done for recognition are burned. For recognition is pride and self covered in sheep clothing.

Paul says in I Corinthians 13: 13 *"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."*

God wants a divine flow of love to come forth in our heart that we be able to be motivated by it all the time. Pursue love in verse 1 chapter 14. *"Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy."* We always see the second part desires covet after spiritual gifts. But notice the first part, it says pursue it. Pursue means it's something you got to chase. It's something you have to make an effort, to love people, to sacrifice, to follow the flow of love in our heart. There will always be a divine flow of love after we are born again. Roman chapter 5 tells us that the love of God has been poured into our hearts and that will from time to time want to flow forth in different ways. We need to be sensitive to that flow of love.

Let me read Romans 5 again. The day that we are born again God has placed His love in our hearts, we need to be sensitive to that love. Verse 3, *"We also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."*

Now notice why does he say in verse 5 hope does not disappoint? What sort of hope is he talking about? The hope of meeting Christ even though the judgment seat of Christ is not mentioned. The purpose in Romans 5 is that the love of God in his heart will flow forth, whatever he did flow from love. And then the love helped him to overcome tribulations, developed his character and it produced hope. Hope knowing that even though Paul said on this earth he had tribulations. A lot of things that he did born out of love were not accepted. A lot of things that he did born out of pure love for humanity. A lot of sacrifices he had made were not recognized. All these things, Paul said, in tribulations his character grows because he knew he did it for the love of Christ. And as he grew in his life, there is a hope for he knew one day everything he did out of love that has not been accepted by the generation that he lived in, one day he is going to meet face to face with Jesus and that hope will not disappoint. That hope came out of that love that was shed abroad in his heart.

We need to be sensitive to the divine flow of love. There will be times in your life that the love of Jesus bubbles forth. Sometimes He may say I want you to do this for this person. But if you say, 'God! I am busy.' But the love flows forth and the divine flow of love says 'I want you to do this. I want you to do that. I want you to call this person. I want you to write to this person and encourage him/her. I want you to show love here. I want you to do this.' There is a flow that bubbles forth. We need to be sensitive to the divine flow of love for that is where our eternal reward lies. It's not a question of just what we do but why we do it. Whenever you do anything for God, whether it be out in the secular world or whether it be in the spiritual ministry, we need to examine our motives. Why do we want to preach? Why do we want to minister? Why do we want to lay hands on the sick? Why, why, why? Because sometimes the motivation may not be what it is.

I know many young ministers as they launched forth, they prayed for signs and wonders but the motivation for signs and wonders is not to bless humanity, not because of the love for the sick but it is to establish their own ministry. And as a result it never happen. They did everything according to the formula of faith but it never worked. It didn't happen exactly the way they wanted. Why? Because God works through our motivation. Many people desire Kathryn Khulman's anointing.

They want the same kind of establishment of recognition but there is a difference. When Kathryn Khulman moves in the gifts of the Spirit, she did it because of the love she felt for the sick, for the dying and for the Lord. You read her book 'A Glimpse of Glory'; it mentioned that before the miracles happen, she used to visit other ministers who are having healing ministry. She sees them doing all kinds of weird thing. She sees them selling pieces of the tent, doing this and doing that, giving gimmicks to try to promote their ministry but the sick was never healed. Every night she went back and she cried. She said 'Lord, where are You?' Those who work close to her know that after the healing service she used to go back and cried. One day somebody found her and said, 'Why do you cry, there are so many miracles?' She said, 'she cried for the others who were not healed.' And all her life she had the desire to see everyone healed in her services and she never got it. She wanted to reach that stage in that level. Perhaps it's for some of us here to move into that. But all her life she wanted that and although she saw many miracles after the miracle service, Buckingham found her crying. Why did she cry, because she performed miracles not to establish her ministry. She performed miracles because it started from her heart that cries for the sick. Her motivation was the love of God. In the book 'Glimpse of Glory' she said every time when she sees a sick person, she felt if she could, she would die and give her life to that person to live. That's the kind of love she moved into. I believed she had her reward up in heaven.

It's important for us to establish that. I say this because I feel it's necessary to say it in our day, in our time, in our move of God up to this day. Sometimes ministers push people. They do things to gain attention. Slain in the Spirit has come to a stage where people have begun to push it to gain attention. It has become almost acceptable among ministers. I want you to know if people move into that and continue to do so, and people excuse them and they excuse themselves but God won't excuse them. They will finally move in a way that the anointing will disperse and disappear. Why do people push? Because they want to establish themselves. That's their only motivation. They want people to say, hi, there is something happening. Let God demonstrate that something happening. Not you or I. We want to follow the strictness in the Spirit. I know in my spirit, if you were to be faithful to draw forth the anointing of God, to draw forth from the reservoir from our heart, God will manifest the fullness of the miracles that He wants to. We will see signs that we have never seen before. We need to have the right motivation. That is point no. 1: Why do we do it.

Point no. 2 is related and it's important. Besides why we need to what I call have a sense of duty or obligation to what He has given to us. That works with the why. Point no. 2, Matthew 25: 14 onwards. *“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ His lord said to them, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord. He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’ But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.’*

The first is our motivation. Why we do the thing we do. The second is what I call faithfulness to His gifts and talents in our life.

Living for eternity means that we have to discover what talents and gifts that God has asked you to be faithful with. The talents here can represent spiritual gifting in your life. The talents here could represent a natural talent in your life and what God is asking of us if we want to live for eternity. We are to understand what we are supposed to do with the gifts or talents in our life and be faithful to it for the rest of our life. Whether we accepted or rejected, whether we are recognized or not recognized, we are to discover it and be faithful in public and in private. In times of

cheering, in times of jeering to be faithful on to God. That means business talent, that means natural gift talent. That means spiritual gifts and offices. Point no.2 is faithfulness. Which means that if there is a gift or talent that God has placed in your life, you have been too busy about the things of this world to develop, in eternity you will have regret. You will lose some rewards for your lack of faithfulness to those talents God has for you. If you will realize that the talents we have and the gift we have in our lives is not just for an organization, is not just for pleasing some people, is not just to gain attention from the world but is that God requires it of us for the day He made us. The day He created us He has given us talents. Notice here that even though the talents may be different in proportion but every single one has some talents. Some one, some two, some five and some ten. Every one of us has talents in our lives. Those talents have been given by heaven and we are required to be faithful to heaven on those things that God has placed on our lives. Sometimes you may feel like being faithful. Sometimes you don't feel like being faithful but we have to be faithful. Which is why if God has a call on your life come what may you have to stick to it. If God has a direction in your life and He has spoken to you about certain area or talent in business, then you have to be faithful to it to develop it. Not so that you will reap on this earth but so that you could answer before God when God says, 'My son or My daughter, I have given you this talent. What have you done with it? Have you used it? Have you done something about it?' If your answer is Lord, I have been faithful. Then God will say, 'Enter thou into the joy of the Lord, for you have been faithful with a few things, you will have much more.'

In order to be faithful we need to know what our talents and our gifting are. It's not as easy to put into practice as it sound. You just talk about it because I do know that to develop a talent, to develop a gift in your life, it takes discipline too. It's not just that you have it and you just flow with it. You could have a gift and be lazy about it. Notice what cause faithfulness. The Lord says here in Matthew 25: 26 "*You wicked and lazy servant.*" Wickedness has to do with spending time on the wrong things instead of developing the talent. This servant must be spending the time on all the wrong things. He cannot be spending his time just sleeping. He must be doing something on this earth. There are a lot of things on this earth that will rob you of your time. All of us have been given twenty-four hours. There are a lot of things that rob our time. We need to realize that there are robbers not only of goods and material things. There are robbers of time. There are things that take our time away from developing our talents. We need to guard

ourselves against robbers. Everyone here is careful about robbery. Although we know Psalms 91 will protect us yet you do a little bit of minimum thing. Like for example, you normally do lock your car. You normally do lock your house. You normally do the small little precaution. You don't want to put sign on your door 'welcome thief' and say I am alright, I am protected because Psalms 91 says so. Do you know that I do not lock my door, etc? You are not going to announce it. You do your minimum requirement. But have you ever consider there are robbers of time? Sometimes other people who are undisciplined will rob you of your time because they themselves do not know how to use their time carefully. We need to realize that time is your most precious commodity. It's the most precious commodity. With that time you could develop the proper talents that God has placed upon your life. It will make a difference to the reward that God brings into your life.

Here, the first is wickedness. Spending time on the wrong things. The second is laziness. Pure laziness is a lack of discipline. If God has called you to the business world, discover all the principles in that area. Meditate on those principles in that area. If God had called you to the music ministry, you got to spend time developing that gift in your life. If God has called you into a preaching ministry, spend whatever you can the time developing the gift in your life. If God has called you into the healing ministry then you got to do everything you can to look into the ministry gift of healing that God has placed upon your life. We need to be faithful. Faithfulness means three areas. You will do it even nobody does it. You will do it even nobody tells you to do it. You will do it even nobody recognizes that you do it. That's faithfulness. Faithfulness no.2 means that you will do it above in priority to every other thing in your life. It means that you will budget your time. It means that you will choose priority to develop that area rather than other areas that may eat up your talent. The third faithfulness means that you will seek out books, tapes, people who will help you into those areas. The five talents man did it. The two talents man did it. Only the one talent man didn't do it. It's not easy in these areas. It means discipline. That's no.2, faithfulness in the gift and talent that God has for you.

In order to develop the ministry of God or the talent of God, there will be many times I have had to choose above other things to do something rather than other things. We have to make a choice because all our times are limited. Twenty-

four hours is all God gives to each one of us per day. I will say that there are a lot of temptations to take time off from developing those gifts and talents that God has given to you. We need to resist that and overcome it and chose to do those things that God has called us to. Then one day when you meet Jesus face to face you will be thankful for every sacrifice you made to develop your gift and talent. It does mean that anything that doesn't develop your gift and talent you are not interested in. That's what living for eternity is like. They can call you an odd ball. They can call you strange but if you live for eternity your only motivation is that you chose to live those things and spend your time on areas that will develop your talent and your gifting. Other things you just don't have any interest and you will not want to develop interest in those things. Only when it enhances and helps your gift and talent then you give your time to it. Otherwise you say no thanks. That is not easy. It's easy to just float along in life and let life do what it wants with you.

There have been times when I find it hard to say to people and say look here, I have got to excuse myself. I have got this thing to do. Especially when things are going on. But when you realize that if you spend every night going out and you spend every night fellowshiping, you will not be able to develop some of the things that God wants you. You have got to spend your time in prayer. You have got to spend your time in the things of God. Of course we want to be balanced. We don't want to just have vertical relationship without horizontal relationship. But yet if all the time it's horizontal you are flat. We need to prioritize both sides. The horizontal is measured in terms where it helps you vertically. Where it doesn't help we need to cut off those horizontal areas.

The third area in Mark 10 is to realize as you live for eternity that you are rewarded twice. Your greatest eternal reward is in heaven. But God will also reward you on this earth. But if you live only for temporal for this earth, you maybe rewarded just once.

In Mark 10: 29-31 *"So Jesus answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time – houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions – and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.'"*

Remember that the rewards in this life do not guarantee the rewards in the other life but the rewards in the other life do guarantee rewards down here too. So if you live for eternity don't have the impression that if you just go around living for eternity and confessing this world is not my home. I am just a passing through. My treasures are laid up some where beyond the blue. All the time if you are living for the other world, that on this earth although you have a mansion in heaven, your glorious rewards are up there. But on this earth all you have is a little plastic hut right next to the Federal Highway breathing in the carbon monoxide. Living off all the rubbish dumps. Remember when you live for eternities you have temporal reward as well as eternal reward. But if you live only for earthly pursue you may have earthly rewards.

Matthew 6: 1 Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew 6: 1 *"Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven."*

Do you notice that? If you seek only a reward down here, what are the rewards? We are not talking about dollars and cents and material blessings. If you only seek for recognition on this earth, fame and fortune, you lose your reward.

If for a reward up in heaven, He says, I will give to you in Mark 10. Lands, houses, mothers, brothers, sisters, etc. What does that mean? That means you will have people drawn to your life as well as material blessings in this time and in the age to come eternal life. But here the Pharisees have a different motivation. The only reason for doing what they did is religiously and also in the sense of a social way. They were doing all those things for social benefits.

In verse 2, this is what normally they do which Jesus says not to do. *"Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward."*

Jesus said that they already have their reward. So the next time you are not recognized don't say, "Hey, why am I not recognized?" Are you going for this earthly reward or you want heavenly reward. Choose you this day. Now if you chose the heavenly reward, you will have heavenly reward. But if you chose the earthly reward you will not have any heavenly reward.

He says in verse 3, "*but when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.*" Some people not only let their left hand know, they let the left ear, the left eye and other people left hand and left eye and every other things know what they are doing. "*Let your charitable deed be done in secret.*" Now here He says, the reward on earth, "*Your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.*" Now these are principles Jesus Himself teaches in His life. This is in the early days of Jesus' ministry. He has to motivate His disciples and tell His disciples, look here; I am not here just to do something on the earth. He says, if you don't do it out of love you are wasting your time. If you do your ministry, even if you did it for forty years because of recognition and so forth, not out of the love for God, you lost the whole thing. It's a waste of time.

In verse 5, "*And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men.*" Which is why we believe in giving honor where honor is due. But there is a limit to that. The church or society or any organization can end up as a place where all people do is get an early recognition or early reward, which won't be right. We need to understand that Jesus is trying to change people's life. When He says here you shall not be like the hypocrites for when they pray in the synagogue and in the streets they pray that they may be seen, that men may recognize them. That man will say, oh, how wonderful they are. Jesus says, look at the conclusion in verse 5, "*Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.*" They have already received their reward. So in heaven its zero. When you pray rather hide so that your Father sees you and the Father will reward you.

So Jesus is strong on those areas and in verse 16-18 "*Moreover, when you fast,*

*do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.”* Notice three times Jesus mentioned. When they gave alms, when they pray, when they fast, the only motivation they have is recognition by man. Anyone who has a goal to be recognized by man is losing his or her reward. It’s most dangerous because people who do that are not living for eternity. They are living for this earth only. In this life like Peter says, it’s just like a vapor of smoke. Jesus says, *“when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”*

So we see here in the third area that when we live for eternity, there is eternal reward and temporal reward. When we live for only earthly reason, we only have earthly reward. So don’t feel short changed, don’t feel jealous of the unbelievers who may put their goals only on this earthly things because in the long run they are the losers. And at the same time don’t feel that to place your goal on eternal reward means that there are no earthly rewards. It is also the devil’s wrong teachings. God knows. Jesus says, He knows. He knows you need food, clothing and shelter. He knows you need material things. God is saying you will never be short-changed. If you understand His principles, then living for eternity and being heavenly minded is not being without earthly things but rather is the better way to live.

Fourth and last area in Luke 6: 22-23 *“Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man’s sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.”*

The fourth area is that the things that bring heavenly reward are sometimes considered failures or unacceptable to people on this earth. In other words, in this fourth point that there are a lot of areas which bring heavenly reward are the total opposite and a total contradiction to what we think will produce an earthly reward.

See you have already past point 3, which says heavenly reward produces earthly reward. But not vice versa. But the fourth area is important. A lot of what is called things or works that bring reward is not the things that heaven accept. But the very opposite of what the world does not accept as things that are valid and genuine that will bring a reward are what Jesus says that will bring a reward. What are some of those things He mentioned here? Blessed are you when men revile you. Men persecute you. Men cast your name out as evil. These are the things that nobody wants. These are things that people called failures. What happen when you are rejected? What happen when you are cast down? What happen when your opposition comes into your life? What happen? Does it mean that you are a failure? The things that bring heavenly reward but not normally acceptable to man. Your value system changed. But when you are living for eternity you are prepared to do something that the world consider failure. That the world consider unacceptable. It's contradictory to their version of success. For you, you are going after heavenly success and what you will do is contradictory to what the world qualifies to be world success. You are willing to pay the price for it. Jesus said, when all these things happen look up and leap for joy because your reward in heaven is great.

Notice here that He said, in verse 23, 'Your reward is great.' The greater it is that sometimes men do not value something the greater God considers those things to be great reward. Now there are some things that you do that the world will pay attention to. There are some things that you do that nobody will even give a look or attention on what you are doing. But deep in your heart you know that God asked you to do. Deep in your heart you know that, that is what heaven wants you to do so. Surprisingly there is a proportion that is measured. It's in worst proportion, that the worst to the world, the greater the reward is. So when we live for eternity, we are people who are willing, but Paul says, to be considered the dumb, the dust of this earth, so that he could be faithful to God and receive the heavenly reward.

Four areas, which we consider when we live for eternity:

- No. 1 why you do those things you do?

- No.2 only what you are faithful to in what God has placed in your life will be rewarded. If you are faithful to some other things that God has not placed in your life, it is wickedness and laziness.
- No.3 heavenly reward brings earthly reward but not vice versa.
- No.4 the things that man considers unacceptable, failures or rejection are considered great in heaven. That brings great reward. May our perspective change as we consider those things that God has placed in our life.