

# Your Best Life Now - and Then!

Facing Forever Pt 5

1 Corinthians 3

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*Matthew 16:27 The Son of Man will come again with his Father's glory and with his angels. At that time, he will reward them for what they have done. (NCV)*

My **belief** determines **WHERE** I spend eternity.

My **behavior** determines **HOW** I spend eternity.

*1 Cor. 3:8-9 Apollos and I are working as a team, with the same aim, though each of us will be rewarded for his own hard work. [9] We are only God's coworkers. ...*

## I. My perspective influences my behavior.

a) An awareness of God's **personal plan** for me.

*1 Cor. 3:10 Because of God's special favor to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder.*

b) An awareness of **my fit** in God's BIG picture.

*1 Cor. 3:10 ....I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. ....*

c) A passion to build Christ's Kingdom, and not my own.

*1 Cor. 3:10-11 ..... But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. For no one can lay any other foundation than the one we already have- Jesus Christ.*

## II. My behavior results from my choices.

a) I alone am **responsible** for my choices.

*1 Cor. 3:12-13 Now anyone who builds on that foundation may use gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. But there is going to come a time of testing at the judgment day to .....*

b) My choices will be tested in terms of **eternal values**.

*1 Cor. 3:13 ..... Everyone's work will be put through the fire to see whether or not it keeps its value.*

**c) Choices with positive eternal impact result in eternal rewards.**

*1 Cor. 3:14 If the work survives the fire, that builder will receive a reward. (NLT)*

**d) God forgives poor choices, but they are still wasted opportunities.**

*1 Cor. 3:15 But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builders themselves will be saved, but like someone escaping through a wall of flames.*

*Matthew 6:1 "Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.*

*2 John 1:8 Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully.*