

Your Best Life Now - and Then!

Facing Forever
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. ...

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.

III. MY MOTIVES MATTER

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.