**Nike Christians**

**Luke 12:2 – “For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known.**”

**Your life will shape your future. You will be known.**

**How do you want to be known?**

**Heb. 12:1-3**

**Rewards: Some biblical realities**

* **2 Cor. 5:10-11 – We are accountable**
* **Matt. 16:27 – Rewards are merited**
* **Mt. 5:12 – Degrees of reward**
* **1 Cor. 9:24-27 – Rewards are commanded**
* **Col. 2:18 – False teaching can cause us to lose reward**
	+ **Matt. 10:42; Mk. 9:41 – Some rewards cannot be lost and last forever**
	+ **Rev. 3:11 – Others can cause us to lose reward**
* **Col. 3:23-25 – Some inheritance is earned**
	+ **Luke 19:11-27 – The extent depends on faithfulness**
	+ **Mat. 20:20-28 – Greater service leads to greatness in the Kingdom**
* **Gal. 3:26, 29; Rom. 8:16-17 – Heirship; conditional and unconditional**
* **2 Tim. 2:11 – Reigning with Christ is earned by endurance**
* **Rev. 22:12 – At the end, Jesus reminds us that our works bring rewards**
* **Rev. 4:10-11 – Rewards are given to us, but the glory belongs to Jesus**

**Four ways we are known in eternity**

**By our Clothing**

**Rev. 19:8 - White**

**Rev. 3:5 - Dirty**

**Rev. 16:15 (1 John 2:28) - Ashamed**

**By our Crowns**

**Imperishable crown (Victor’s crown) – 1 Cor. 9:24-27**

**Successful, faithful Christian living; discipleship**

**Crown of glory – 1 Pet. 5:1-4**

**Both crowns of glory and righteousness are given to those who give their lives to care and discipleship of others.**

**Crown of righteousness – 2 Tim. 4:7-8**

**To those who love His appearing (not this world)**

**Crown of life – Rev. 2:10; Possibly James 2:10**

**To those who faithfully endure trial (to death, in some cases)**

**Crown of rejoicing – Phil. 4:1; 1 Thess. 2:19; 2 Jn. 8; 1 Cor. 3:8-15**

**Given to those who make disciples (who are faithful?)**

**By our Markings and more – Rev. 3:11-12**

**Stability, security, proximity, possession, intimacy, a home**

**By our public acknowledgement or denial**

**Lk. 12:2; 1 Cor. 4:1-4; 1 Jn. 2:28; Mt. 10:32-33; Lk. 12:8; Rev. 3:5**

**And the point is…?**

* **Nothing God commands is bad.**
* **The Church is a fixed number.**
* **You will be set apart forever.**
* **“Walk with Me in white…” You will be known.**
* **“Imperishable crown;” You will be known forever.**
* **“they see his shame”**
* **“Before God”, & the angels, & other believers; WHAT WOULD YOU GIVE?**

**Jude 24-25**

**Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling,
And to present *you* faultless
Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,
To God our Savior,
Who alone is wise,
*Be* glory and majesty,
Dominion and power,
Both now and forever.
Amen.**