

FAIR REWARD FOR YOUR LABOR

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

2 Timothy 4:8 Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day.

Due to the fluctuations of currency exchange rates, things can lose their value in this world. A person may leave Mexico with 15 pesos; but it would only be worth \$1 in America. But the bible tells us that this world is not our home. And when it comes to your labor in the Lord, you get a guaranteed exchanged rate with God.

1. Have you ever felt that your labor of kindness, forgiveness, or sacrifices to humanity were in vain? Have ever thought, "What's the use"? What were some of these that come to mind?

2. What was it that kept you from not giving up?

3. Who were the key people in your life that helped you?

4. Who were those that hindered you? Was it always the same type of person (is there a recurring theme of their character)?

5. What difference does it make that we will be resurrected? (15:58)

6. In what specific ways do you need to be committed to the work of the Lord?

7. What encouragement can we take from the fact that the work we do for the Lord is not in vain?

8. To whom will God award a crown of righteousness? (4:8)
