

## The Judgment Seat of Christ Part IV Becoming Rich towards God

**Intro:** Today's lesson focuses on how to do those good works that are "gold, silver, and precious stones;" that will survive the refiner's fire @ the Bema Seat.

As we think of each believer standing before the Bema Seat of Christ (2Cor 5:10) and reflect on our "deeds done in the body, whether they are good or bad"

### I. What are the good deeds we can do that make us Rich towards God?

See 1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 6:17-19

Paul tells Timothy to "*Take hold of that which is really life.*" The point is we must take serious our preparation for standing before Christ and having the fruit of our life revealed. There are Crowns awaiting the faithful.

1. Good Works have nothing to do with what you do and everything to do with why you do them. . See 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 4:5 " ...who will bring to light the things hidden in darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God. Self and the flesh are very deceptive and will steal the glory from God.

2. Good Works come from a pure Heart and are the fruit of a yielded Life.  
Is your motive for service to be seen of men or to give God glory? All that we do in our flesh will be for our own credit and glory. Are you totally determined to please the Father and give Him glory? See John 8:28

3. You are held responsible for how you live your life.  
Each day, we should humbly seek to be filled with Spirit and seek by God's grace to produce "the fruits of righteousness" that bring eternal reward. See Phil. 1:11 Because abiding in Christ brings forth His fruit, we must learn to "abide."

### II. Steps of action that can make you Rich towards God. See Romans 6

1. We must "**know**" that we died with Christ, that His life in us can live.

Romans 6:6-9 Can you believe this truth, "today I acknowledge my total inability to do anything of my own strength to please God."

2. We must daily "**reckon**" ourselves as dead to sin & self, and alive to God.

Romans 6:11 Can you choose to "consider it done" rather than you choosing to do it? 3. We must choose to "**yield**" (present) ourselves to God for His use and for His Glory. Romans 6:13 Can you decide that for this day, you want only to please Him and to choose against "self" and surrender yourself to Him?

4. We then **obey**, and follow our yielded Heart. Romans 6: 16-17& Proverbs 3:5, 6