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Today's Message: Gospel Saturated Stewards

Today's Text: Isaiah 40:31, 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” **Isaiah 40:31**

“For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, 3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. 4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. 6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.” **2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

Wait with expectation for the empowering presence of the Lord, by embracing habits of grace.

The Habits of Grace include:

- The Word of God (Psalm 1)
- Christian Fellowship/Friendship (1 John 1:1-10)
- STEWARDSHIP: A steward manages e_____ resources.

Regarding Stewardship

- 1) We will never be judged for our sins, but we will give an a_____ of our lives as believers; an account of our f_____.

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. **2 Corinthians 5:21**

“...reflect that you have had greater opportunities of seeing the world and obtaining knowledge of mankind than any of your contemporaries. That you have never wanted a book, but it has been supplied to you. That your whole time has been spent in the company of men of literature and science. How unpardonable would it have been in you to have turned out a BLOCKHEAD.” **Abigail Adams**, Letter to her 20-year old son, John Quincy Adams in 1787 (Adams was the 6th President of the United States and the son of the 2nd President of the United States.)

- 2) A proper attitude regarding stewardship is underscored as we g_____, longing for the strong reality of heaven. (2 Corinthians 5:2-3)
- 3) We are of good c_____ because of the hope of heaven.

Westminster Larger Catechism

Question 90: What shall be done to the righteous at the day of judgment?

Answer: ...and shall be received into heaven, where they shall be fully and forever freed from all sin and misery; filled with inconceivable joys, made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul, in the company of innumerable saints and holy angels, but especially in the immediate vision and fruition of God the Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, to all eternity. And this is the perfect and full communion, which the members of the invisible church shall enjoy with Christ in glory, at the resurrection and day of judgment.

- 4) Therefore, our ambition is to please him because we realize we will give an a_____ at the judgment seat of Christ.

“12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done...15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” **Revelation 20:12,15**
(Matthew 6:19-20, I Corinthians 3:12-15)

ANSWER KEY: entrusted, account, faithfulness, grown, courage, account

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Why is the mindset of “stewardship” an essential part of developing a Christ-honoring worldview?
- 2) What is involved in the “groaning” process? What do we mean when we say “Do not silence the groaning process”?
- 3) Why should we be people of “good courage or boldness” as we contemplate the eternal heaven?
- 4) What is one reason Paul says he makes it his ambition to please the Lord?

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