



DGM Message Summary: What Could Have Been Yours

Key Points:

Philippians 3:13

- Paul was saying although he had accomplished much in his life, he had not yet arrived and refused to rest on his laurels
 - He knew too much about God to live a complacent life

Philippians 3:14

- Paul was not just trying to make it in; his entire life was about winning the prize
 - Downward pull vs upward call

Ephesians 2:10

- You and I were saved for good works; it's not just about us dying and going to heaven

Revelation 2:2

- We are saved by grace, apart from works
- If we are saved by faith, why is Jesus talking about the church's works?
 - Revelation 3:1
 - Revelation 3:8
 - Revelation 3:15

Ephesians 2:8-9

- Holy Spirit speaks: by grace, we have been saved through faith
 - Our works have nothing to do with whether we make it in to heaven, but our works have everything to do with the reward when we get there

Revelation 3:15-16

- The way God determines the spiritual temperature of a church is based upon their works
 - Many of us have settled on our acceptance of Jesus Christ as our Savior; that will get us into glory, but faith that expresses itself through actions and deeds will enable us to access our rewards
- If we're going to live an effective life for God, we have to go big or go home!
 - Why should God help some of us if we are only going to fall back into the same trap?

- If you don't know the purpose of a thing, you'll abuse it
- The purpose of our lives is not to die and go to heaven, but to impact the Earth

I Corinthians 3:11-14

- All of us are going to build lives, but the ingredients are going to determine our reward
- God divides our works into two categories
 1. Faith in Jesus will get us into Heaven
 2. What we do with our lives will determine our eternal reward
- Only our works are tested at the judgement seat, not our souls
- **This life is the only sowing season we'll ever have (so if you sleep during sowing season, you won't reap a harvest in eternity)**
- Salvation saves us from hell, but our works determine the extent of our reward in Heaven

Matthew 5:11

- If people talk about you when you're doing right, rejoice and be glad for great is your reward in Heaven
- When's the last time you suffered for Jesus?
- The devil will not be outdone by the devil
- Don't labor for a treasure that will rust, but for a treasure stored up in heaven that is eternal
 - Make sure you aren't just laboring for this life
- The reason we quit is because we make our molehills into mountains
 - The problems of this life are temporary
- When we really have an eternal perspective on things, what we're going through starts to shrink and what God has for us starts to grow
- *I'm not living to get to heaven. I'm living for my eternal reward.*
- It doesn't make sense to give up the eternal for the temporary
- The reason we live the way we do is because we don't have an eternal perspective
- Stop blaming and being mad at God; look up to heaven in your time of trouble

Hebrews 12:2

- Look away from your mess when you're under pressure and look back to the master
- If you want to get to the other side, you have to change your thinking
 - Don't focus on your pain, but on your reward

I Corinthians 3:15

- Those who relate to God on a "gimme basis" and not a "use me" mentality will be disappointed when they reach the throne of Heaven
- You can go to Heaven saved, but you will miss out!
- Look for opportunities to serve and be a blessing because you're working on your eternal reward
- Do you really want to spend a lifetime amassing a loss? (it's only the things we do for Christ that will last)
 - When you step into eternity, what will you have left?

Revelation 22:12

- Jesus is returning with his reward on his mind and in his hand
- Jesus is coming back for everything we did in sowing season
- Do not fiddle away salvation on the satisfaction that you'll make it