Are you living with a sense of eternal purpose ?

Laodicea

Kingdom Incentive

The 21st century marketing for the wealth of a believer (Revelation 3:14 - 22)

Who is speaking this letter to you? Amen, the faithful and true witness, who is ruler of all God's creation.

Revelation 3:17 - 18 (NLT)

17 For you say, 'I am rich and have need of nothing,' but you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked.

18 I advise you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can be rich; and white garments so you can be clothed and your shameful nakedness will not be seen; and eye salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

A This world's thought systems are dead!

1. Destruction equals death:

CONTEXT

Contrasting the Pharisees righteousness with experiential righteousness

Matthew 5:19 - 20 (NIV)

19 Therefore anyone who relaxes one of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness far exceeds the righteousness of the teachers of the law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 7:21 - 23 (NIV)

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?

23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you who practice lawlessness.'

The Pharisees Kingdom Incentive

The way to the eternal reward

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Matthew 6:1 (NIV)

1 "Be careful not to do your righteous deeds before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will not receive any reward from your Father in heaven.

Matthew 6:2 (NIV)

2 So when you give to the poor, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. I tell you the truth, they have their reward in full.

Matthew 6:5 (NIV)

5 "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets so that they may be seen by others. I tell you the truth, they have their reward in full.

Matthew 6:16 (NIV)

16 "When you fast, don't look sad like the hypocrites. For they make their faces look dreadful so that their fasting will be seen by others. I tell you the truth, they have their reward in full.

Matthew 6:19 (NIV)

19 "Don't keep storing up treasure for yourselves here on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where robbers break in and steal.

Matthew 6:20 (NIV)

20 Instead, store your treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust can destroy and where robbers can't break in and steal.

Matthew 6:21 (NIV)

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:22 (NIV)

22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light.

Matthew 6:23 (NIV)

23 But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. And if the light you think you have is darkness, how great that darkness will be!

Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

24 "No one can serve two masters. For he will despise one master and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Matthew 6:25 (NIV)

25 "So I say to you, don't worry about your life, wondering if you will have food to eat or drink to keep you from thirst. Don't worry about your body, wondering if you will have clothes to wear. Life is more than food and the body is more than clothes.

Matthew 6:26 (NIV)

26 Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store away in barns, for their heavenly Father feeds them. And you are worth much more to him than they are.

Matthew 6:27 (NIV)

27 Can worry add a single hour to your life? Of course not. And why worry about your clothes? 28 Consider how the wild flowers grow. They don't work or weave or spin, 29 yet I tell you that even King Solomon in all his royal glory was not dressed as beautiful as they are. 30 In the same way, the grass in your fields, which is there today but tomorrow will be burned in the oven, will he not much more care for you, you of little faith?

Matthew 6:31 - 33 (NIV)

31 So don't worry about your food, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' 32 These things occupy the minds of those who don't know God. But your heavenly Father knows you need them. 33 Instead, seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 7:1 (NIV)

1 "Don't judge others, or you will be judged.

Matthew 7:2 (NIV)

2 For you will be judged by the same standard you use to judge others, and the measure you use will be used to measure your life.

Matthew 7:3 (NIV)

3 And why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and not see the plank in your own eye?

Matthew 7:4 (NIV)

4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me help you get that speck out of your eye,' when there is a plank in your own eye?

Matthew 7:5 (NIV)

5 You hypocrite! First take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to help your brother with the speck in his eye.

Alive but dead:

Revelation 3:1 (NIV)

1 And write to the angel of the church in Sardis: "These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation that you are alive, but you are dead.

Revelation 3:2 (NIV)

2 Be alert and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds not perfect in the sight of my God.

Revelation 3:3 (NIV)

3 Remember what you received and heard; keep it and repent. Since you will not be alert, I will come like a thief, and you will not know what time I will come upon you.

Revelation 3:4 (NIV)

4 Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments. They will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.

Revelation 3:5 (NIV)

5 The victorious will be dressed in white like them. I will never erase their names from the book of life, but I will acknowledge their names before my Father and his angels.

Revelation 3:6 (NIV)

6 Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 3:7 (NIV)

7 "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David. What he opens, no one will close; and what he closes, no one will open.

Revelation 3:8 (NIV)

8 I know your deeds. Look! I have placed before you an open door that no one can close. I know that you have little power, but you have obeyed my word and have not denied my name.

Revelation 3:9 (NIV)

9 Look! I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say they are Jews but are not, but are liars—I will make them come and bow at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you.

Revelation 3:10 (NIV)

10 Because you have kept my command to persevere, I will keep you from the hour of testing, which will come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

Revelation 3:11 (NIV)

11 I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

Revelation 3:12 (NIV)

12 Those who overcome I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my new name.

Revelation 3:13 (NIV)

13 Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 3:14 (NIV)

14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation.

Revelation 3:15 (NIV)

15 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. Would you were one or the other!

Revelation 3:16 (NIV)

16 So because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

Revelation 3:17 (NIV)

17 You say, 'I am rich; I have made a killing and I don't need a thing.' But you don't realize how miserable you are, how pitiful, how poor, how blind, how naked.

Revelation 3:18 (NIV)

18 So I advise you to buy from me refined gold in the furnace, so you can be rich; and white clothes, so you can be clothed and your shameful nakedness will not be exposed; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

Revelation 3:19 (NIV)

19 Those I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest about your life and repent of your sins.

Revelation 3:20 (NIV)

20 Look! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and we will eat together as friends.

Revelation 3:21 (NIV)

21 The victorious will be seated with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Revelation 3:22 (NIV)

22 Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.

B Overcoming the world

1. Overcoming this world's **thought systems**

1 John 5:4 (NIV)

4 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments

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