

Eat Fresh

I have two questions I would like for you to consider this morning. The first is, “Why are you as devoted as you are to follow Christ and serve Him? The second question is similar, “Why are you not more devoted to following Christ and serving Him?”

I want to introduce you to the 14th chapter of the book of Luke this morning. In this marvelous chapter, we find a story as told by the Lord Jesus himself and in the story a truth that could radically shift the level of your devotion and the trajectory of your life both now and in eternity.

“The Ultimate Return on Investment”

“. . . you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The words of Jesus

Luke 14:14b NIV

The setting of Luke 14

- The Sabbath (Luke 14:1)
- The sick (Luke 14:2-6)
- The supper (Luke 14:7)
- The story (Luke 14:8-14)

Motives matter to God.

- 1 Samuel 16:7
- The story of the newly converted Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8:21)
- Why do you do what you do?

The richest reward for serving God is God himself.

- Psalm 16:5a; 65:4a
- The disgruntled brother of Luke 15
- Could you pass the Job test? (Job 1:8-12)

The greatest servants of God live by the eternal factor.

- “the resurrection of the righteous”
- The judgment seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10)
- The indisputable promise (John 12:26)
- Are you living for eternity? (1 Timothy 4:8)

How devoted are you today to following Christ and serving Him? Are your motives pure? Are you fully enjoying the greatest reward of all: intimacy with God himself? Do you have faith to finish well, even when your ultimate reward may not be fully realized until the life that is to come? Why not adopt an eternal perspective for your life? This is the secret to unwavering devotion and great discipleship.