

Gold and Silver, Hay and Straw

1Cor 3.10 ... Let each one take heed how he builds on [the foundation]. 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Romans 2.6 [God] "will render to each one according to his deeds": 7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; 8 but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath.

* This week, we focus on a practical question ...

* What is the short answer?

* What do the following verses say?

– Rom 14.23

– Mat 22.36-40

– Gal 5.6

– Col 3.17

* What are five practical principles for having our lives characterized by words and deeds that have lasting value?

(1) Accept that all of our deeds will ...

(2) It is more effective to focus on ... than on ...

– Rom 12.21 says ...

– The problem with focusing on avoiding straw is that it tends to put us on the road to ...

(3) Producing gold does not mean ...

– Neh 8.10-12 says ...

– Phil 4.4 says ...

– Gal 5.22 says ...

– Eph 5.18 says ...

(4) Most of the gold God calls us to produce in this life will be by doing ...

– Where does 99% of Christian life and witness happen?

– Writer and professor Anthony Bradley says ...

– Who were the proponents of supercharged spirituality in Jesus' day?

– Rom 2.7 says ...

– Mark 9.41 says ...

(5) Producing gold involves seeking honor from ... over ...

– In Mat 6, Jesus says not to ...

– Prov 25.27 says ...

– GK Chesterton points out ...

– CS Lewis points out ...

– Luke 2.52 says ...

– We cannot gauge whether we are seeking glory from God by looking at ...

– Most of the treasure you can lay up accrues over ...