

1. Foundations Lesson 4

a. One Sentence Summary: Live life with eternity in mind.

b. Outline

i. Introduction

1. Story about Ken Simpson and the importance of flying in the right direction. A few degrees off over a very long period of time can throw you totally off course.
2. Our foundations in the Christian life must be right **or** over centuries of time, we will get off course and miss the mark of where God wants us to go. Our foundations will crumble.
3. The Journey is also here telling us, "In many ways we, the Church, have missed the mark. Our building is crumbling."
4. There are parts of our Christianity that are built on shifting sand and not on the rock. There IS a cancer in the church, and we must address it.
5. To see the cancer, we are asking the question, "Is the Bible about us, or is it about God? Are we the main character or is God?"
6. We have hopefully established the fact that life IS about God. But to help you fully understand what that means, we're going to talk about REWARDS....

ii. Body

1. Jesus encourages us to live for rewards. He's basically saying, "Live your life in such a way that you get great rewards!" But He's not saying temporal rewards, He's talking eternal rewards.
2. Matt. 6.19 NLT: "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal." Jesus tells us to live for eternal rewards instead of temporal ones.
3. Matt. 19.21 Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Treasures in heaven are what we live for!"
4. You CANNOT please God unless you believe He rewards you.
5. The scriptures tell us to point to these rewards, even if it means suffering.
 - a. Heb. 10.32 NLT Think back on those early days when you first learned about Christ. Remember how you remained faithful even though it meant terrible suffering... 34 You suffered along with those who were thrown into jail, and when all you owned was taken from you, you accepted it with joy. You knew there were better things waiting for you that will last forever.
6. Yarn example demonstrates whether we would live for the 80 years on earth or live for the thousands or millions of years in heaven.
7. Because God thinks of us and what He wants for us eternally, He constantly tells us that our time here on this earth is short. He wants us living for eternal rewards.
8. James 4.13 Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business

there and make a profit.” 14 How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it’s here a little while, then it’s gone. 15 What you ought to say is, “If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.” 16 Otherwise you are boasting about your own plans, and all such boasting is evil. Paul is trying to remind us that God holds all things together. God gives us breath. God gives us life. And if God wills it, we would be gone before tomorrow even begins! We must NOT assume, we must not expect that we will have so many years here on this earth.

9. Ps. 39.5 You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand. My entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath.”
10. I Peter 1.23-24 “People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades. 25 But the word of the Lord remains forever.”
11. The majority of believers are living life as if there is no tomorrow. They live as if God is packing the best life has to offer into these 80 or so years. And after that, they get to go to heaven, which is second best.
12. As a result, the majority of Christians live their lives to get from birth to death in the safest, softest, easiest most happiest way. Getting all the “rewards” they can.

iii. Conclusion

1. Is your foundation being laid correctly? Are you living for these brief 80 years on this earth, or are you living for eternity?
2. We are not to live for ourselves during these short years on earth. Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.
3. This is the new foundation we must have in order to live life the way God wants it to be lived.
4. Live life with eternity in mind.