



*But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*  
Philippians 3:13-14

## I. Living with Eternity in Mind 1 Corinthians 3: 8-15

We should live with a mindset to not let a day go by without anticipating the new world that Christ is preparing for us. **God loves the Heaven bound, but he is proud of the Heaven minded;** *"They were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them."* Hebrews 11:16

**What will last forever?** Asking ourselves this question gives us the perspective God has when it comes to the significance of our lives. How we spend our time on earth, the kind of relationships we build, is vastly, infinitely more important than we can know. Jesus tells the faithful the deeds they do for the least of His brethren, they did it to Him. (Matthew 25:34-40)

Jesus says even small seemingly insignificant actions done for the right reasons will be **rewarded**. Matthew 10:40-42

Everything we say and every action we do is being accurately recorded in heaven's records, and we will give an account of them. (2 Corinthians 5:9-11)

## II. The Royal Kingdom Law

*If indeed you fulfill the royal law of the scripture, namely, You shall love with a divine and self-sacrificial love your neighbor as you love yourself, you are doing splendidly.* James 2:8 (Weymouth)

The royal law is the way things **function** in the kingdom of God. Either we are living our lives under this rule of love or we aren't.

This is our unique purpose; we love God, then following His lead we love the people, and then using the gifts and passions He's put in us, we serve all we come in contact with. **But in doing our acts of service we can't forget, it's all about love.** (1 Corinthians 13)

God has us uniquely here for a purpose, **and agape love is central to that purpose**, whatever else we accomplish.

*A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my judgments and do them.* Eze. 36:26-27

The subject of the heart is addressed in the Bible more than any other topic; more than belief, obedience, money, works or grace or even worship.

**You need to understand your heart.** The Bible uses the word "heart" to describe the bundle of motivations that you have -- your desires, your hopes, your longings, your dreams, your ambitions, your affections, the things you care about, the things you love to do. **All these are composed in your heart.** We can only live out the royal way from our new life from the heart.

Heart is used in scripture as the most comprehensive term for the **authentic person**. It is the part of our being where we desire, deliberate, and decide. It has been described as "the place of conscious and decisive spiritual activity," "the comprehensive term for a person as a whole; his feelings, desires, passions, thought, understanding and will," and "the core of a person."

**This is God's connecting point with you and your connecting point with others.** Everyone recognizes a person who is living from his or her true core. **It is the genuine you.** (1 Sam. 16:7)

*Guard your heart- more than any treasure, for it is the source of all life.* Proverbs 4:23 (Knox)

**Living from the heart gives us true authenticity, and gives us the capacity to fulfill the royal law.** This ensures that our deeds are done with the true motive that will be rewarded when we get to heaven. This is the key to your life and the key to living for God.

*I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that other country and to help others to do the same.* C. S. Lewis

