

JESUS' REWARDS / *Matthew 16:27*

Jesus had much to say about rewards.

5:12	A great reward awaits you in heaven.	When we are persecuted and remain faithful, our reward in heaven is being with God himself.
6:2,4	They have received all the reward they will ever get. . . . Give your gifts in secret, and your Father, who knows all secrets, will reward you.	Empty acts done for worldly recognition receive human praise, but that is the only reward they get. The acts that God rewards are those done with goodness and kindness as the only motives.
10:41	If you welcome a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will receive the same reward a prophet gets. And if you welcome good and godly people because of their godliness, you will be given a reward like theirs.	Anyone who helps or even shows hospitality to a Christian brother or sister (particularly a Christian worker) will reap the benefit of eternal life.
16:27	For I, the Son of Man, will come in the glory of my Father with his angels and will judge all people according to their deeds.	Jesus Christ will judge each person's life. As we are reviewed and evaluated for how we utilized the resources God has given us, we will be rewarded. This is not something we can earn, but a by-product of faithful obedience.
19:29	And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for my sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will have eternal life.	God rewards according to his justice. We who believe will receive eternal life, and it will mean more to us than any sacrifice for the gospel that we made on earth.
20:15	Is it against the law for me to do what I want with my money? Should you be angry because I am kind?	In this parable, Jesus taught that God himself decides the reward he will give.
25:34	Then the King will say to those on the right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."	We should love and serve everyone we can, especially the needy people in Christ's church. Our reward is God himself and eternal life with him.