

# Home Group Helps

2 Corinthians 5:9-10

*Holy Ambition for the New Year*

<sup>9</sup> Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

A New Year of Holy Ambition Contains the Following Three Components:

**I. The Rule (9c)** – to be pleasing to Him.

**II. The Range (9b)** – whether at home or absent

**III. The Reason (10)** - <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

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## 1. Launching Question(s):

- What is one of your New Year's resolutions or, at least, a goal that you have for AD 2022?

## 2. Observation Question(s):

- Are some ambitions bad?
- Are all ambitions bad?
- What makes an ambition good or bad?

## 3. Interpretation Question(s):

- The Apostle Paul is the champion of the Doctrine of Justification by faith alone (see Eph. 2:8-9, 2 Cor. 5:21, Rom. 8:1-2, etc.)
- Are there any contradictions between this doctrine and the teaching here in vs. 9 that all believers will appear before the judgment seat of Christ?
- Paul says that the Christian we will "be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."
- According to the sermon, what does he mean by "good" and what does he mean by "bad?"

## 4. Reflection Question(s):

- 1 Cor. 3:11-15 relates to our works in this life as materials used to build up the church.
- What do you think works of "gold, silver, precious stones" might be?
- What do you think works of "wood, hay, straw" might be?
- God intends for these truths to motivate you. How does this passage and the sermon text motivate you?

## 5. Application Question(s):

- What are potentially some of your "bad" ("worthless" or "unprofitable") deeds and how might you avoid them this week?

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