



Hot Potato #5: ***“Are Near Death Experiences Reliable?”***

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INTRODUCTION – DEALING WITH DEATH

1 Corinthians 15:32

NDE'S IN THE BIBLE?

Acts 7:56

2 Corinthians 12:1-4 (Acts 14:19-20)

MODERN NDE'S – MIXED MESSAGES

2 Timothy 4:3-4

WHAT DO WE KNOW FOR SURE?

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 9:27

THE JUDGEMENT OF OUR FAITH

John 11:25; Ephesians 2:8-9

Revelation 20:11-21:4

THE JUDEMENT OF OUR DEEDS

Matthew 16:27; Ephesians 2:10; 1 Corinthians 3:8, 12-15

2 Corinthians 5:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:11-13

What Jesus Is Looking For...

- 1) Constructive _____ (**Matthew 12:36**)
- 2) Suffering without _____ (**Matthew 5:11-12**)
- 3) Generosity with _____ (**Matt. 6:3-4, 19-21**)
- 4) Deeds of _____ (**Matthew 25:35-36**)
- 5) Faithfulness in our _____ (**Colossians 3:22-24**)
- 6) Loving the _____ (**Luke 6:27-28, 35**)
- 7) _____ & _____ (**Matthew 6:6, 17-18**)

How Will We Be Rewarded?... 2 Cor. 2:9; 1 Thess 2:19-20

The Value Of Judging Ourselves... 1 Corinthians 11:31

If we conceal it, God will _____ it.

If we confess it, God will _____ it.

CONCLUSION – WHAT WILL YOUR EXPERIENCE BE?

John 12:47-48; 1 John 1:5; Colossians 1:27

Home Church Questions...

1. Read **Luke 16:19-31**.
 - a) What does this story tell us about what our priorities should be in this life? (Also see **verse 11**.)
 - b) According to this passage, what is the best source of truth about life after death. (List some poor sources of information people often turn to on this topic.)
2. Read **Matthew 16:27**.
 - a) Make a list of 10 things you believe you could do in this life that Jesus would want to reward.
 - b) Make a list of 10 things you think Jesus would consider to be a waste of your God-given time in this life.
 - c) Giving yourself one point for each item on list “a” and deducting a point for each item on list “b”, how much reward are you looking forward to on judgement day?
 - d) In light of your score above, what is one thing you can commit to doing this week to better obey **Matthew 6:20**.
3. **BONUS QUESTION (No Extra Charge!)**: In **1 Corinthians 4:5** Paul teaches that, in light of God's ultimate judgement, we should not judge anyone here on earth, including ourselves. But if that is true, what do we do with verses that encourage us to make judgement calls about ourselves and others (e.g., **1 Corinthians 5:9-13 & 11:27-32**)? How can we reconcile the fact that the Bible tells us to judge both ourselves and other believers and yet tells us to “**judge nothing**” until Jesus returns? Hmmmm.