# **Irresistible**

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The Problem: Christ's CHURCH has become Resistible!

Matthew 10:42

"you will surely be rewarded" (34 times in New Testament) What if He meant it?

#### What is Jesus talking about?

"Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. <sup>13</sup> But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. <sup>14</sup> If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames." 1 Corinthians 3:12–15

"Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds." Revelation 22:12 (Not eternal life, but the rewards He desires to give you in eternity.)

"8 "The rich man had to admire the dishonest rascal for being so shrewd. And it is true that the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with the world around them than are the children of the light. <sup>9</sup> Here's the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.

<sup>10</sup> "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. <sup>11</sup> And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? <sup>12</sup> And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?" Luke 16:8–12

- The Kingdom of God...it's about the long view of eternity.
- In the Kingdom of God, we are rewarded not with <u>SALVATION</u>... but FOR our acts of <u>serving</u> others on behalf of Jesus.
- The Kingdom of God is clear and simple...it's motivated by God's HEART'S DESIRE...

<sup>&</sup>quot;...that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." BECAUSE He "loves." John 3:16 NIV

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