

How Is Your Appearance

Scripture: II Tim. 4:1-8; I Cor. 3:10-16

Intro: The scripture reveals a sobering and staggering meeting with the Lord that none of us shall evade, but we will all have this confrontation together and at the same time. (I Cor. 3:10-16)

1. Rapture soon. (I Thes. 4:16-17; Phil 3:20-21)
2. Review second. (II Cor. 5:10)

Consider: Are you a good, fair, poor, great Christian? Which do you want to be? The only person God can't help is one satisfied with the way he is. (Improve – Reprove)

I. The Golden Servant: Fight. (I Cor. 3:10-12; II Tim. 4:6-8)

- A. Sacrificial service. (I Cor. 9:24-27)
 1. Speaks of personal matters: Suffering separation. (Lk. 9:23)
 2. Service of prayer – study. (Acts 6:4; Ro. 12:1-2) Give up to most important roles.
- B. Self is in view. (Ro. 6:13)
 1. Body in controlled service: Make it go when it refuses. (Gal. 5:16-18)
 2. Believer at church: Give – Praise. (Heb. 13:15-16; Ps. 50:23)
 - a. Perfect will of God: Gold.
 - b. Permissive will of God: Wood.

PRIVATE

II. The Silver Saint: Faith (II Tim. 4:6-7)

- A. Spiritual service. (I Pet. 1:18)
 1. Strong conviction about the blood: Redemptive. (Heb. 9:22; Eph. 1:17)
 2. Solid commitment to its proclamation. Remission.
- B. Scripture's truths. (II Tim. 3:16-17)
 1. Faith: Personal ingredient. (Eph. 2:8-9)
 2. The faith: Programmed truth. (Jd. 3; II Tim. 2:15; Rev. 1:3)
 - a. Preserve: Practice – By life. (II Tim. 1:14)
 - b. Proclaim: Promote – By lip. (II Tim. 4:2)
 - 1) Holy = Faithful
 - 2) Hay = Forgetful. (Heb. 2:2-3)

PUBLIC

III. The Stone Servant: Finished. (II Tim. 4:7; I Cor. 3:12)

- A. Steadfast service. (I Cor. 6:19-20; Phil. 3:13-14)
 - 1. Various acts of service: Course – Involves life. (Phil. 2:16)
 - 2. Victorious acts of service: Cause – Includes time. (I Cor. 15:58)
 - a. Mud when arranged to highest laws of nature can become sapphire.
 - b. Sand when arranged to highest laws of nature can become opal or pearl.
 - c. Coal when arranged to highest laws of nature can become diamond.
- B. Sure lasting service. (Jas. 1:12)
 - 1. Stones are identified.
 - a. Witness. (I Pet. 3:15)
 - b. Work. (Eccl. 11:6)

PRACTICAL