

My Cross

Matthew 16:24

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

What to include

Matthew 25:34-40

34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ 37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ 40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, **whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.**’

Hebrews 6:10

10 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you **have helped his people** and continue to help them.

Family

1 Timothy 5:8

8 Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Serving God's family and the lost

How have I served?

What did I give?

- Time
- Love
- Service
- Support

The cost of discipleship

1 Timothy 5:3-10

3 Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need.

4 But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God. 5 The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help. 6 **But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives.** 7 Give the people these instructions, so that no one may be open to blame. 8 Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 9 No widow may be put on the list of widows unless she is over sixty, has been faithful to her husband, 10 and **is well known for her good deeds, such as bringing up children, showing hospitality, washing the feet of the Lord's people, helping those in trouble and devoting herself to all kinds of good deeds.**

The Reward

Romans 2:6-7

6 God “will repay each person according to what they have done.” 7 To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give **eternal life**.

Philemon 1:4-7

4 I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers,
5 because I hear about **your love for all his holy people** and your faith in the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that your **partnership** with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. 7 Your love has given me **great joy** and **encouragement**, because you, brother, have **refreshed the hearts of the Lord’s people**.