**Homeletical Outline: The Reality of Rewards**

**Sermon Purpose:** That my fellow Pastoral Ministries students will live lives motivated and focused by God’s manner of stewardship over their lives and the rewards it promises for profitable labor.

**Homiletical Proposition:** Live and Work as if everything you do in this life counts toward the next!

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. (Image) . . . Two Farmers, Two Perspectives on Reward

2. (Need) . . . To maintain our motivation during difficult times

3. (Subject) . . . Live and Work as if everything you do in this life counts toward the next!

4. (Text) . . . Luke 19:11-27 and 1 Corinthians 3:8-15

5. (Preview) . . . The Reality of Rewards: A Better Motivation, A Proper Motivation, A Motivation that Should Transform Our Life & Ministry

**BODY:**

1. The Reality of Rewards is a motivation for us in the present life.
	1. Jesus’ Parable teaches good Stewardship. (Luke 19:11:27)
	2. Paul’s Exhortation challenges believers to Build Carefully (1 Corinthians 3:8-15)
2. The Reality of Rewards is a Better Motivation for us in the present life.
	1. Motivation is Multifaceted:
		1. Fear is enhanced by Gratitude
		2. Gratitude is enhanced by Love
		3. Love is enhanced by Fellowship
		4. Fellowship is enhanced by Praise
		5. Praise is enhanced by Reward (Calvin Quote)
	2. Praise and evaluation must come from God, not men, or our service will be misguided.
3. The Reality of Rewards is the Proper Motivation for us in the present life.
	1. Earthly rewards can be manipulative and project selfish ambitions.
	2. Heavenly rewards are based as much on the internal motives and the external actions.
4. The Reality of Rewards is a motivation that should transform our life and ministry.
	1. Read the gospel of Luke with a focus on the language of stewardship and rewards.
	2. Journal the things that God might be inclined to reward you for over the course of the past day, week, month, or year.
	3. Get a Trophy and place it where it can remind you of God’s incentive plan.

**CONCLUSION:**

1. (Review your structure) . . . The Reality of Rewards is a Better Motivation for us.

 The Reality of Rewards is a Proper Motivation for us.

 Let the Reality of Rewards transform Your life and ministry.

2. (Refresh your image) . . . Our need is to endure hardship and criticism.

Like the farmer, the proper perspective will keep us from becoming discouraged.