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TURN A CORNER!

Think of yourself, my friend, as a child of eternity. If the little ones around you are tomorrow's world, in a vaster, far more exciting sense, you are eternity's world. You are part of the future population on the other side.

Are you getting shaped and trained for it? The Bible is full of descriptions of rewards for those who get ready. Yes, and apparently there is a hierarchy there; Jesus talked a lot about being "greatest in the Kingdom" and "least in the Kingdom."

There will even be a special reward for those believers "who have longed for his appearing" (2 Ti. 4:8).

You'll receive a special reward for winning others to Christ (1 Th. 2:19,20).

You'll get a special reward for enduring trials (Jas. 1:12; Rev. 2:10).

God will reward you in particular for living a life of discipline and self control (1 Co. 9:24-27).

And He'll give you a special reward for discipling other Christians, for "feeding the flock" (1 Pe. 5:2-4).

And how rich will you be on the other side? Whatever you keep, you lose. Whatever you give away is transferred to your personal account in heaven (Mt. 6:19, 20; 1 Ti. 6:17-19).

Don't waste another day! Start getting ready for eternity. You'll turn a corner.