

# God's Report Card 2

# The Perks

## Showcasing?

- Many of us were taught that our Godliness had to be measured on a "spiritual" meter. The more we got happy, spoke in tongues, or the louder we prayed and cried would show just how spiritually deep we are. **Matt. 6:5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.**
- Serving God is not about appearing spiritual to others but rather operating in the roles that God created us to operate in. We are already spiritual and physical beings, so those are things we don't have to show to others to get the attention of God. **Matt. 6:4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.**
- Living a lifestyle pleasing to God is the only way to please God. What we do in church, at the alter, and in front of men is not what pleases God. People that put ministry above family have it backwards. It's about being a good man, husband, and father, a good woman, wife, and mother. These are our creation roles and these take priority over ministry, after all, what kind of ministry do you have without it first starting in the home. **1Tim. 3:5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)**

## Benefits

- There are many perks to living a lifestyle that is pleasing to God. God is a rewarder of those that diligently seek after "HIS" plan for their lives. **Heb. 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.** It's not about seeking Him to enhance our appearance to others. But it's about seeking his plan in the midst of a world that contradicts His plan.



- God has promises to those that do things His way. When we operate in our creation roles, God blesses us. When we promote His agenda to others, He blesses us as well. **Psa. 103:2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.**
- Compromising to the world's standards changes God's plan for us and this forfeits our blessings. If we go after the "world's" plan for us, then we cannot expect to have the backing of God. **Rom. 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.** God blesses those that are obedient to His plan. Why would He promote anything that goes against what He has said?
- There is only one way and that's God's way. Any other way is against His way. This is why the masses are

deceived and only a few will get it. It's because God's way has been lost in the carnal desires of man. **Matt. 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**

## Real Blessings

- Conforming to the world is the enemy of God. He did not create us to fulfill worldly lusts, but He desires for us to find pleasure in His way. God is not against us enjoying ourselves. He desires for us to have a pleasurable life operating in our roles. **Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;**
- The problem is that we miss God's perks by desiring to impress others. Deficits in our lives create this desire and instead of having Godly esteem within, we desire to show our progress outwardly. This is why so many cannot stay the course and experience the true blessings of God. **James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.**
- God's blessings add no sorrow, but when we get ahead of Him, and do things to look a certain way to others, then we add sorrow to our lives and make it hard to fulfill our creation roles. **Prov. 10:22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.** This cycle puts us at odds with God and we cannot do what He desires because we have become a slave to our own desires.
- If we want to experience the perks in following God's plan, we must first deny ourselves and our own plan.

## Summary

The world has a conditioning system. From birth, we are taught to excel to impress. We are put on pedestals by our parents for our achievements, and we are measured against the success of others all our lives. This conditioning makes carnal success seem more important than Godly success. This conditioning makes being a father/husband or wife/mother less important than having a nice house or car. People measure their existence on the ruler of this world and it's causing God's people to not even recognize the blessings of their God. We desire the blessings of false gods and worldly lusts more than the fruit of God's Spirit.

In order to experience the perks of serving God, we must first SERVE God! We must stop measuring our success by the climate of this world and find our true selves in the word. When we line up with God's creation plan, we are blessed by Him and can become a true blessing to others.

**Psa. 125:4 Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.**

