

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Luke 7.

Proverbs 21:21 "Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor." (ESV)

2 Corinthians 9:6 "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." (ESV)

By combining these two verses, can we get a picture of what the outcome of our pursuits will be? If we seek after just a little righteousness or kindness, will we only reap a little of the life we desire? Will righteousness and honor only be received in proportion to our seeking and sowing?

Can we expect to grow in life, righteousness, and honor by doing the bare minimum? Can we expect to receive the full weight of God's blessings when we are only half-heartedly seeking His kingdom and righteousness?

Jeremiah 29:13 "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." (ESV)

When asked what was the greatest commandment, Jesus responded that we are to love God with ALL our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and not just a portion that is easy and/or convenient.

How often do we put in a little Bible reading, worship, and prayer time, and then expect a big payout for our trouble? I am guessing it doesn't work this way. To "pursue" means "to seek earnestly what is right and kind." (Scott)

By earnestly desiring what is right and kind, we find our foundation for living. Proverbs 4:13 "Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;

guard her, for she is your life." (ESV)

Pursue righteousness and kindness with all your heart and reap great blessings.