

The Evidence is Output not Outcome

Clear Biblical examples

Smyrna - Rev 2:9-10 - 9 I know your afflictions and your poverty — **YET YOU ARE RICH!** I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and **I will give you the crown of life.**

Laodicea - Rev 3:17-18 - 17 You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But **YOU DO NOT REALIZE** that **you are WRETCHED, PITIFUL, POOR, BLIND AND NAKED.** 18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

SOME OUTPUTS THAT DISPLAY OUR POSITION

We must forgive to be forgiven - Matt 6:14-15 - 14 For **IF YOU** forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But **IF YOU do not** forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

How you are with worldly wealth will determine your reward - Luke 16:10-12 - 10 "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So **IF YOU** have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 And **IF YOU** have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"

True disciples hold to the teachings of Christ - John 8:31-32 - 31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "**IF YOU** hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Only blessed by what Christ says if we apply them - John 13:16-17 - 16 I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed IF YOU do them.

We display our relationship to Christ by how we love other Christians - John 13:34-35 - 34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, IF YOU love one another."

Those who truly love Christ obey Christ - John 14:15-17 - 15 "**IF YOU** love me, you will obey what I command. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth.

Our love for Him keeps us in His love - John 15:10-15 - 10 **IF YOU** obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends IF YOU do what I command.

We must stay in Christ & His Word in us for prayers to be answered - John 15:7-8 - 7 **IF YOU** remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Our life purpose will determine our outcome - Gal 6:7-8 - 7 **Do not be deceived:** God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Our purpose will be displayed by HOW we live - Rom 8:12-13- 12 Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation — but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. 13 For **IF YOU** live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if **BY THE SPIRIT** you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,

True saved Christians are those that hold completely to God's Word - 1 Cor 15:1-2 - Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, IF YOU hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

How we treat others will show if we really accepted Jesus - James 2:8-9 - 8 **IF YOU** really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. 9 But **IF YOU** show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

Just saying you love God doesn't cut it, the truth will be displayed - 1 John 4:20-21 - 20 If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. 21 And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

My wealth can be my demise if I allow it - James 5:1-6 - Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. 2 Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. 3 Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. 4 Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. 5 You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you.

Only those that do God's Will enter Heaven - Matt 7:21-23 - 21 "**NOT EVERYONE WHO SAYS TO ME, 'LORD, LORD,' WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN,** but only he WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

Our evidence of if we truly have a relationship with Christ will be shown by our obedience –

1 John 2:3-6 - 3 We know that we have come to know him IF WE OBEY HIS COMMANDS. 4 The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: 6 Whoever claims to live in him MUST WALK AS JESUS DID.

1 John 3:21-24 - 21 Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God 22 and receive from him anything we ask, BECAUSE we obey his commands and do what pleases him. 23 And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. 24 Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

1 John 5:2-5 - 2 **This is how we know that we love the children of God:** by loving God and carrying out his commands. 3 This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

Heavenly rewards will be based on how we live - 2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

How do we stay focused on output and not outcome?

Faith must be our focus - 2 Cor 5:7 We live by faith, not by sight.

True faith is displayed - James 2:24 You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.

We must not let our status or situations determine our response, we must always be responsible to God - 1 Cor 7:17-24 - 17 Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches. 18 Was a man already circumcised when he was called? He should not become uncircumcised. Was a man uncircumcised when he was called? He should not be circumcised. 19 Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. **Keeping God's commands is what counts.** 20 Each one should remain in the situation which he was in when God called him. 21 Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you — although if you can gain your freedom, do so. 22 For he who was a slave when he was called by the Lord is the Lord's freedman; similarly, he who was a free man when he was called is Christ's slave. 23 You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. 24 Brothers, each man, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation God called him to.

In a nutshell we must give up everything for Christ in order to truly be a Christian - Matt 16:24-27 - 24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.

Purpose must be God and God only - 1 Cor 7:29-31 - 29 What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; 30 those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; 31 those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.