

It Is Worth It: Seeking Your Soul's Reward

Scripture reading: Hebrews 13:1-15

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- **We are God's inheritance** (Isaiah 19:24-25; Deuteronomy 9:26, 29; 32:9; I Samuel 10:1; I Kings 8:51-53; Psalm 2; Psalm 28:9; 33:12; 74:2; 78:62, 71; 79:1; 94:14; Jeremiah 10:16, 51:19; Joel 2:17; Zech. 2:12; I Peter 2:9)

Seven exhortations for seeking your soul's reward:

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2. Endure the Difficulties (Hebrews 12:1, 3)

Hebrews 11:24-26

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Hebrews 10:35-36

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Hebrews 12:15-17 (Genesis 25:27-34)

4. Embrace discipline for the reward of holiness (Hebrews 12:5f.)

5. Remember your reward (Hebrews 12:18-24)

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