

## WHAT'S YOUR CREDIT SCORE?

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I've been pondering the effectiveness of credit scores to our future. When we want to buy a car, buy a house, rent an apartment, or borrow money, the company or financial institution is going to run a credit report on us to find our credit score. They want to know if we are a high risk or if we have proved ourselves trustworthy in our finances. The more poorly our financial decisions have been the lower our score. If we miss payments, continually accumulate late fees, have faced bankruptcy, or have things repossessed, then we are not going to have favorable results with businesses or banks. The risk for them losing money is great.

On the other hand, if we pay our bills on time it is reflected in our report. Others can see that our past or current handling of finances is trustworthy enough for them to make the investment in us. We, in essence, will have a favorable outcome for being approved for more.

Now, let's take that on a spiritual level. God sees our every action towards spreading His Word, helping others in need, caring for the elderly, homeless, widows, orphans, and those who are sick. He continually gives us the opportunities to reach people with His love and compassion. People are placed in our path that do not know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior, but are we recognizing that they are there? Are we seizing those moments? God sees whether we are fulfilling our calling as His servants, as His children, to carry on the work He has given for us to do or whether we are wasting our time being preoccupied with our own lives and comforts. What would our credit score be in God's eyes, in His folder, and with our name on it?

We want to be entrusted with more opportunities and more power to influence the lost and bring them to the foot of the cross so they can know the redemptive power of the blood of Jesus and the forgiveness and healing touch of the Father. Are we fulfilling that calling NOW in our lives so that God would give us even more opportunities or does He need to find someone else to do the job? Does He need to find a more faithful servant? I'm not saying we are not His children. I'm saying some children are being more faithful in their responsibilities.

I want God to see in my folder that I am faithful and trustworthy to be given more opportunities to reach people that are truly in need of Him. I want people to see what a great Father He is! I don't want Him to pass the job on to someone else because I wasn't fulfilling my responsibilities now for Him to see that I could handle more.

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If we want more, than we need to be faithful in the small things He has placed in front of us now. I want to go above and beyond not just do enough to get by with. I want a high credit score in my spiritual folder when it comes to being His servant, His obedient child, and doing what He has called me to do! How about you? We ALL fall short, but let's pick ourselves up and determine to be the faithful follower, servant, and child He has called us to be! Let's work on the increase! I want the increase that robs hell of its potential residents and increases heaven with redeemed, healed people who love Jesus with all their heart, soul, and mind.

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