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(Matthew 16:24-25, 27) Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will find it... 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 they have done."

(1 Corinthians 10:31b) ...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

The prize isn't in what I accomplish occasionally.

The prize is in what I do daily for the glory of God.

### What If?

- √ What if the work is the reward?
- $\checkmark$  What if the <u>prize</u> is in the <u>process</u>?
- √ What if you can be grateful in the grind?

(1 Corinthians 15:9-10) For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

# The Three Enemies of the True Reward

- √ The <u>Pillow</u>: The seduction of <u>comfort</u>
- √ The <u>Shiny Thing</u>: The allure of constant distractions

√ The <u>Towel</u>: The perpetual temptation to <u>quit</u>

(Acts 20:24) However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

#### Three Discoveries

- My <u>selfish passion</u> is about me, but
   God is calling me to <u>selfless purpose</u>.
  - Instead of pursuing my <u>selfish passions</u>,
     I will pursue <u>God's purpose</u>.
- 2. My passion will follow my purpose.
  - As I pursue <u>God's purpose</u>,
     I will discover <u>my passion</u>.
- 3. My <u>purpose</u> helps me become <u>passionate</u> about ordinary things.
  - Whatever I do,
     I do all for the glory of God.

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