

Applause

I have watched you work; investing hours of your time. When I have asked, “**WHY?**”, your answers have sounded like this: “*I believe in what I’m doing.*” “*This is what God wants me to do.*” “*I want to make a difference in peoples lives.*” “*I’m using the gifts God gave me.*” “*I’m just trying to let my light shine.*”

The wording doesn’t matter much, but the spirit of these answers does. I consistently marvel at the multitude of volunteers who give their time, money and effort to serve. As the old saying goes, “**I get paid for being good, but you all are good for nothing.**”

All kidding aside, let me applaud you. You consistently amaze me, and as I see the grace of God reflected in your lives, my spirit is lifted up.

We were talking about this on Sunday night, and we discovered that the disciples had something to say about this very thing! Peter was their spokesperson again, and as he was talking to Jesus, in the **10th Chapter of the Gospel of Mark**, in **verse 29**, Jesus said this, “*I assure you that everyone who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property for my sake will receive now in return a hundred times over and in the world to come, they will have eternal life.*”

Basically, Jesus is saying, “I just want to let you know...your sacrifices will be rewarded a hundred times over, and, as a special bonus, you’ll celebrate forever with Me in eternity. **You’re going to be rewarded for your sacrifice.**”

And I just want to applaud you! Thanks again!

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Greg