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#### Great Doctrines of the Faith

Scripture

God

Justification

Sovereignty of God

Holiness of God

Power of God

Creation

Image of God in Us

Sin

Sanctification

Perseverance &

Glorification

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#### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one holy worldwide and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

But concerning that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake ... lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.

Mark 13: 32-37

Watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with ... the cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly ... stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength .. and to stand before the Son of Man

Luke 21: 34-36

When the Son of Man comes in his glory with all the angels .. he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

Matthew 25:31-32

#### Goats v Sheep

Browsers v Grazers
Combat Styles; horns
Copper tolerance/parasites
Chromosomes: 60 v 54
Annual shearing vs cashmere
Flocking instinct

He will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, Come you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from before the foundation of the world.

Matthew 25: 33-34

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me ...

Matthew 25: 35-36

Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me ...'

Matthew 25: 41-43

Then they also will answer saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?

Matthew 25: 44

Then he will answer them saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

Matthew 25: 45-46

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Matthew 25: 31, 32, 33, 46

.. stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength .. and to stand before the Son of Man;

Luke 21: 34-36

Be on guard, keep awake Mork 13: 33

### Eternity Amnesia

- 1. Too much Self Focus
- 2. Wanting Control
- 3. Looking to others to meet eternal needs
- 4. Question the Goodness of God
- 5. Don't think about Consequences
- 6. Disheartened instead of Thankful

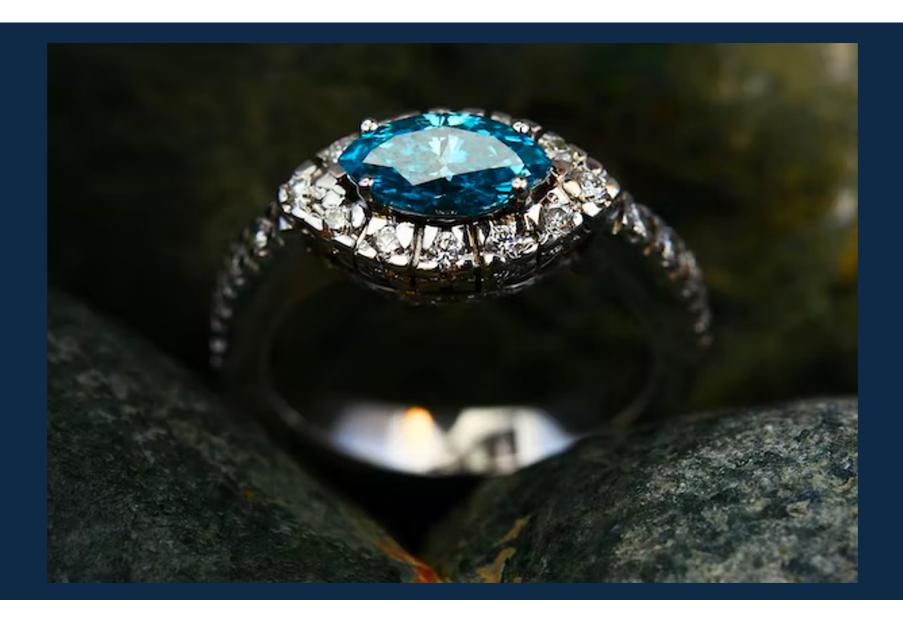
- 1. Indulge in Self
- 2. Desire Control
- 3. Demands on Others
- 4. Doubt God's Goodness
- 5. Deny Eternal Consequences
- 6. Depressed instead of Grateful

## The Gift of Gaining Eternal Perspective

- 1. Selfishness → Goodness
- 2. Control → Surrender
- 3. Demands → Service
- 4. Doubt → Trust
- 5. Thoughtless → Thoughtful
- 6. Depressed → Thankful

# Gift of Eternal Perspective VALUES CLARIFICATION SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE CONTENTMENT & SATISFACTION

#### VALUES CLARIFICATION



#### SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE



## CONTENTMENT & LIFE SATISFACTION



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