

TAKE HOME SHEET

IT'S FINE
I'm Fine
EVERYTHING IS FINE
(HANGING ON TO GOD'S PROMISES WHEN EVERYTHING IS NOT FINE)

Series: It's Fine, I'm Fine,
Everything is Fine
Message: God Will Reward
Your Faithfulness
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Look at the things Jesus says about what God does and doesn't reward. After each passage, write down what stands out to you that you want to remember.

¹¹ God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. ¹² Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great **reward** awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

Matthew 5:11-12 (NLT)

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¹ Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the **reward** from your Father in heaven. ² When you give to someone in need, don't do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the **reward** they will ever get. ³ But when you give to someone in need, don't let

your left hand know what your right hand is doing. ⁴ Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will **reward** you. ⁵ "When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the **reward** they will ever get. ⁶ But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will **reward** you.

Matthew 6:1-6 (NLT)

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¹⁶ And when you fast, don't make it obvious, as the hypocrites do, for they try to look miserable and disheveled so people will admire them for their fasting. I tell you the truth, that is the only **reward** they will ever get. ¹⁷ But when you fast, comb your hair and wash your face. ¹⁸ Then no one will notice that you are fasting, except your Father, who knows what you do in private. And your Father, who sees everything, will **reward** you.

Matthew 6:16-18 (NLT)

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⁴¹ If you receive [welcome, accept and honor] a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same **reward** as a prophet. And if you receive [welcome, accept and honor] righteous people because of their righteousness, you will be given a **reward** like theirs. ⁴² And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be **rewarded**.

Matthew 10:41-42 (NLT)

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BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES

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⁴ And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. ⁵ In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises.

2 Peter 1:4-5 (NLT)

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)

faithful (def): trusting, loyal, devoted; genuinely obedient

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. ⁷ Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

Proverbs 3:5-7 (NLT)

reward (def): benefits given for faithful service

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There is a reward awaiting the faithful when their life on earth is over.

There is reward available to the faithful now, too!

²⁸ Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!" ²⁹ "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields--and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life."

Mark 10:28-30 (NIV)