

**HOW CAN DISCIPLES BE ENCOURAGED IN THE MIDST OF OPPOSITION?
EVERYTHING WE DO MATTERS IN THE END!!!
Matthew 10:40-42**

- I. **Review: DON'T FORGET JESUS' INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRUE DISCIPLES (1-39)**
 - A. We must obediently, dependently and discerningly follow His instructions, sharing His Word (1-23)
 - B. Although we face opposition meant for Christ, we must not fear men but fear God, confessing Christ who loves us so much and will vindicate His Word. (24-33)
 - C. We must understand Christ divides and *thus* love Him, by obeying Him over all else, including family and self (34-39)

- II. **WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THOSE WHO RECEIVE HIS WORD RECEIVE HIM: It's not about us but Him! (40)**

- III. **WE NEED TO KNOW TRUE DISCIPLES ARE REWARDED: Your response to Christ's Word and His righteousness manifest in His servants reveals your relationship to Him and thus your reward. (41-42)**
 - A. Those who listen to His Prophets (obeying His Word from them) and receive them as such will share in their reward. (41a)

 - B. Those who receive, those who manifest His righteousness, as such, will share in their reward. (41b)

 - C. Those who manifest love for Christ by loving true believers, seeing them as such, will not lose their reward (42)