Every Christian should realize that the Holy Bible is primarily a book for the believer in Christ,  
given to be studied and absorbed so that the Christian may please God  
through continual spiritual growth.

The pastors of churches have the primary responsibility of bringing Christians  
to a mature position in Christ.

But Christians face the problem of immature church sermons.  
Pastors feed their flocks the “milk,” not the “meat” (solid food), of God’s Word.  
Consequently, Christians in churches continue in a "carnal" state  
only digesting food for immature babies

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**There is a Day Coming  
Excerpt from Judgment Seat of Christ** **by Arlen Chitwood of** [**Lamp Broadcast**](http://lampbroadcast.org/)

There is a day coming when every Christian will render an account to his Lord, and the present day is the time of preparation for that coming day. The present day is the time when the Lord’s servants are in possession of the various talents; and the present day is the time when a work is being performed in the lives of Christians that is connected with maturity in the faith, the proper use of the talents entrusted to them, etc. This day though will last only as long as God’s Son remains in the “far country.”

One day Christ will receive the kingdom from His Father and then return to reckon with His servants.

This will be an individual reckoning — “. . . we must all appear . . . that every one may receive . . . .”

And this reckoning will be based strictly on each servant’s use of the talent/talents entrusted to his care during the time of his Lord’s absence.

This is exactly what the Apostle Paul had in mind when he sought to warn “every man,” and teach “every man in all wisdom,” in order that he might present “every man perfect [mature, complete] in Christ Jesus” ([Colossians 1:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+1.28&t=NKJV)). The warning that Paul sounded had to do with the coming time of evaluation at the judgment seat. His message along this line was really threefold:

1) A present preparation.

2) A preparation with a view to a coming evaluation.

3) And a preparation and evaluation with a view to the kingdom to follow.

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Issues of the judgment seat, in every instance, will result in a just recompense. Every Christian will receive exactly what he deserves — reward, or chastisement — in complete accordance with revealed faithfulness or unfaithfulness in carrying out or failing to carry out that portion of the Lord’s business which had been entrusted to him.

And this will be with a view to occupying or being denied positions of power and authority in the kingdom that will follow.

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[Bible One - Arlen Chitwood's Judgment Seat of Christ, Ch. 16, There is a Day Coming](http://bibleone.net/JSC16.htm)