

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment. You only know the value of something when it's examined.

Many years ago I bought a used car from a reputable dealer. I saw it, and I was enthused! So I bought the car. Big mistake. You see, it was a real lemon. If you looked up lemon in the dictionary you would see a picture of this car right next to it. I should have done what my head told me to do, but my enthusiasm got me carried away. I should have had the car checked out by a mechanic. A skilled and knowledgeable mechanic could have shown me that the car did not pass the test. Once, again, you only know how much something is worth or how good it is when it's been examined.

I want to ask you a sobering question. Can our lives, our service for the Savior withstand God's scrutiny, His examination? First Corinthians chapter 3, beginning at verse 12, is a sobering account of what will take place at the judgment seat of Christ. "Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire."

Here's what I want you to remember today. God wants us to examine what we do and why we do it. Confess and repent of all self-centered ambition and focus on the honor and glory of God. If we do that, then we will indeed pass the test and avoid being spiritual “lemons.”