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#1 Their reaction against your genuine Christian lifestyle: _____ 4

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Luke 15:13 ... the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living. ESV reckless living

2nd They were _____, so they maligned you 4b

#2 Never forget their eternal _____ : they will answer for their lifestyle ⁵

1st They will have to answer to Christ as their _____ 5a

1 PERSONAL -

2 SOON -

Hebrews 9:27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,

Revelation 20:11-15 11Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. 12And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. 13And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. 14Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

3 CERTAIN -

James 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

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#3 Remember your greatest blessing: you have been _____ by the gospel ⁶

The answer lies in your ...

INTERNAL _____ -

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THE _____ -

QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

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