

5 Crowns that will be Awarded to Believers

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Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. (Is. 62:3)

Behold, I come quickly: **hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.**
(Rev. 3:11)

And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and **they had on their heads crowns of gold.** (Rev. 4:4)

The four and twenty elders **fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne,** saying, **Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.** (Rev. 4:10,11)

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And **he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood:** and **his name is called The Word of God.** (Rev. 19:12,13)



I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but **only one receives the prize?** So **run that you may obtain it.** Every athlete **exercises self-control in all things.** They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but **we an imperishable.** So **I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air.** But **I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.**

(1 Cor. 9:23-27) ESVS

I do it all for the sake of the gospel; (1 Cor. 15:1-8)

Everything must be done to please Jesus, not our own fleshly will. Serving the Lord and defeating the world, the flesh, and the devil will not be easy. Bottom line, Victory is impossible without yielding to the Holy Spirit of God. (see study # 2 for full Gospel Study)

I may share with them in its blessings; (Eph. 1:3-14)

*Why do we most often associate being blessed with positive circumstances, like wealth, comfort, and the absence of problems? Because I think many of us have a very shallow view of what it means to be blessed. The primary definition of the term blessing is not wealth or comfort, but rather “**being made holy.**” Since we are made holy through salvation in Jesus Christ, in essence, the truest form of being blessed is to be made aware of our wretched state, led to repentance, sanctified for holiness, and to one day receive the crown of righteousness. All other earthly blessings greatly pale in comparison to this!*

Only one receives the prize; So run that you may obtain it; (1 Cor. 3:10-15)

Paul, was thinking of the Isthmian games (Corinth); We are to endure patiently through our trials, rejoicing in the Lord always, praying continually and in everything giving thanks. For this is the will of God, for all who are running the Christian race. Paul describes himself as an athlete competing for the prize of a crown in eternity. His point is for believers to pursue godliness, and the good of others, with that kind of commitment.

Exercises self-control in all things; (1 Pet. 4:7,8) - (Gal. 5:22-25)

Exercising self-control keeps our enemy from gaining a foothold over us, and it keeps sin from having the upper-hand in our thoughts, words, and actions. If we do not discipline ourselves and rule over our own actions, we leave ourselves vulnerable to temptation, the influence of the world and the enemy, and, consequently, sin. Self-control is necessary because we are at war with our own sinful desires.

We an Incorruptible Crown; (2 Cor. 6:3-11)

Paul's point is that an earthly wreath (crown) will soon corrupt and fade away. The honor of winning the race is short-lived. Christians, though, exercise self-control and self-denial in order to win a crown that will never die. Paul aims to win a prize that will live forever. He also trains himself in this way to avoid being disqualified before crossing the finish line. Your Crown will last forever, no one can steal it or take it from you.

I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air; (1 Tim. 6:11-15)
(Eph. 6:10-18)

Paul plans to win the fight, to land some serious spiritual blows on his opponent (the devil). He is disciplining himself for actual competition. Paul sees himself as competing to win souls for Christ and to receive an eternal recognition for that effort. Such a "crown" would be far more valuable. We must fight and defeat the devil.

I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified; (1 Pet. 4:1,2) - (Jude 3-8)

We must live to fulfill the will of God in our lives. We must pick up our Cross daily and die to self. Make sure your Words (ministry) are correct and God is the one speaking. The Church is full of fake ministries (apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, etc...).

Five Crowns Jesus will Reward Believers With:

1. CROWN of LIFE - (Jam. 1:12 & Rev. 2:10)

2. CROWN of RIGHTEOUSNESS - (2 Tim. 4:8)

3. CROWN of GLORY - (1 Pet. 5:1-4)

4. CROWN of REJOICING - (1 Thess. 2:19)

5. CROWN of INCORRUPTION (Imperishable CROWN) - (1 Cor. 9:25)

(1 Cor. 15:52-54)

(1 Cor. 15:42-44)

He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, **behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.** I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. **Blessed are they that do his commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. (Rev. 22:11-15)

My Reward is with Me to Give Every man According to his Work (Rev. 22:12)

*Does this mean that everyone gets a reward? (NO). Only those that **Overcome** are **Victorious**. (Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 26) (3:12, 21)*

And **they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb**, and **by the word of their testimony**; and they loved not their lives unto the death. (Rev. 12:11)

Hard, Long, Race to the Finish (What does this mean)?

We live in a modern world that is spoiled rotten with riches, and cries out when they don't get their way, or they don't instantly get what they want. Our children are learning this from the adults. Then parents wonder why their kids act that way when adults. Some destroying their lives with drugs, sex, or mentally damaging music. Our homes, our families, our society, must be built upon the Foundation of Jesus Christ (The Word).

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep. Lo, **children are an heritage of the LORD:** and **the fruit of the womb is his reward.**

(Psa. 127: 1-3)

How to Win, What to do...

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
(*the Lord is your strength, your support, your guidance, keep your eyes on Him*).

The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful people who will be able to teach others also.
(*everyone has a ministry to the Lord, teach, preach, give, pray, help, find your Gift*).

Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him. And if someone likewise competes as an athlete, he is not crowned as victor unless he competes according to the rules.
(*do not get involved with the things of the world; live life according to the Bible*).

The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops. Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. (2 Tim. 2:1-7) NASB
(*serving God will supply your every need, blessings and protection*).

This Brings Us to Our Next Lesson; (Lesson # 16)

“True Fearsome Warrior of the LORD”

These two things are what make up a great spiritual warrior. A well balanced soldier is formed by both of these things working together in his life. To be proficient in one without the other will cause a downfall or disaster. We must grow in both!