

•Day by day the Lord observes the good deeds done by godly men and gives them eternal rewards. Psalm 37:18

•One day we will all stand before God and our lives will be judged.

• **We don't work for salvation but for rewards.**

•Heaven is not the only reward!

•It's not works to be saved but because we are saved!

•And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. Revelation 22:12

☑2 Realities

•Rewards show us the heart of the Father. Not only does He give us Heaven, but rewards us for our works on earth.

•God is paying attention.

•What Crown will YOU have when you go before the KING?

•Your greatest reward will be in heaven, not on earth.

•*Temporary/Eternal*

•Your reward will be based on quality, not quantity.

•*Did you do what HE asked you to do?*

☑THE CROWN OF REJOICING or the SOUL WINNERS CROWN

•*This crown is awarded to those who bring other to Christ.*

•For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? 1 Thessalonians 2:19

•**Can you point to someone that you had a part in bringing them to Christ?**

•*Told people about great restaurant? House? Movie?*

•There is no greater joy than leading someone to Christ.

• **A soul will never fade away!**

•There will be great joy in Heaven with those you had a part in leading there.

•Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever. Daniel 12:3

• **We must LIVE that others may see Christ.**

• **We must GIVE so that others may know Christ.**

• **We must SERVE so that others will be led to Christ.**

☑ THE CROWN OF GLORY

• *The Pastor's Crown*

•2 Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. 1 Peter 5:2-4

• **Jesus- Cup of water... SAME REWARD!**

☑ THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

• To those who lived with determined faith in Christ.

•7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. 8 And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness that the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that great day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his glorious return. 2 Timothy 4:7-8

• **Fought/Finished/Faithful**

• **Didn't give up.**

• There are no what if's, could have's, regrets. They are totally spent. They live full and die empty

• **Didn't give out.**

• This is the reward for completers.

• **Didn't give in.**

• When things didn't turn out they didn't turn to sin...

☑ THE INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN

• For those who lived a disciplined Christian life.

•25 And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable (incorruptible) crown. 26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified. 1 Corinthians 9:25-27

• Athlete- discipline

• **Without a goal, discipline is nothing but self-punishment.**

• **Not for how you start the race. But how you run and finish the race!**

• Purpose and perseverance in every step.

• *Disqualified- to be shown counterfeit.*

• **Purpose Perseverance PRIZE!**

- No to friends or situations that will lead you away from Christ.
- No to casual sex, saving intimacy for marriage.
- No to hate, division, pride, selfishness, unforgiveness...

I am coming quickly. Hold on to what you have, so that no one takes your crown. Revelation 3:11

• You can't get me to forfeit my crown... Person upset you, situation, devil...

✓ **THE CROWN OF LIFE**

• To those who endure testing and trial.

God blesses the people who patiently endure testing. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. James 1:12

• **No trial lasts forever.**

Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God. 1 Corinthians 4:5

• *not by nation or family, by generation or church...*

• *Not delegated to Michael, Gabriel, or even Peter or John...*

✓ **THE VICTORS CROWN- Crown of Thorns**

• **John 19**

• **Dream**

• When you've done what was needed yet you were ignored and misunderstood, remember, "Your labor is not in vain." When you've done the right thing but received neither credit nor acknowledgment, remember, "Your labor is not in vain." When you've served, given, and sacrificed, then willingly stepped aside so God would get all the glory, remember, "Your labor is not in vain."