

CROWNS

Crowns Promised

There are 5 referred to specifically in scripture:

- Crown of Life James 1: 12; Revelation 2: 10
For those who have endured through trials or suffered for His sake
- Crown of Righteousness 2 Timothy 4: 8
For those who have loved His appearing
- Crown of Glory 1 Peter 5: 4
For those who shepherd and feed His flock
- Crown Incorruptible 1 Corinthians 9: 25
For those who press on steadfastly
- Crown of Rejoicing 1 Thessalonians 2: 19
For those who win souls

Crown

The word for crown here in Greek is ‘*stephanos*’ which is the crown given to a victor; from ‘*stepho*’ (to twine or wreath). It is a badge of royalty, a prize in the public games, or a symbol of honour generally. More conspicuous and elaborate than the simple diadem (translated also as crown: Greek *diadēma*) a band around the head.

The Crown of Life

James 1: 12

¹² Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for **when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life** which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Revelation 2: 8-11

⁸ “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write,

‘These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: ⁹ “I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and *I know* the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but *are* a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. **Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.**

¹¹ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.””

The Crown of Righteousness

2 Timothy 4: 6-8

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Finally, **there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also **to all who have loved His appearing.**

The Crown of Glory

1 Peter 5: 2-4

² Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; ³ nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; ⁴ and when the Chief Shepherd appears, **you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.**

The Crown Incorruptible

1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*. 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 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.

The Crown of Rejoicing

1 Thessalonians 2: 19-20

¹⁹ **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?** ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy.