

The Victors' Crowns The Crown of Rejoicing

- I.** Christians should strive to win victor's crowns and can have knowledge of crowns they have won (1 Cor. 9:24-27).
 1. The Crown of bodily self-control (1 Cor. 9:25-27).
 2. The Crown of Life (Jam. 1:12; Rev. 2:10).

- II.** Paul's relationship with the saints at Thessalonica.
 1. Paul gave them the Gospel (1 Thes. 1:5).
 2. The Holy Spirit convicted them (Jn. 17:7-11).
 3. The Holy Spirit gave them the faith to believe (2 Cor. 4:3-4; 1 Cor. 3:5; Gal. 3:22).
 4. Paul nursed them spiritually like a mother (1 Thes. 2:7).
 5. Paul exhorted them like a father (1 Thes. 2:11).
 6. Paul will receive a Crown of Boasting/Rejoicing (1 Thes. 2: 19 *cf.* Rom. 15:17; 1 Cor. 1:31; 2 Cor. 10:17).

- III.** Paul's relationship with saints at Philippi.
 1. Paul was instrumental in leading them to the Lord (Phil. 1:6-7).
 2. They were given faith to believe by the Holy Spirit (Phil. 1:29).
 3. Paul continued to nourish them spiritually to help with their spiritual growth.
 4. Paul's deep concern for their spiritual growth seems to come from his leading them to the Lord (Phil. 4:1).

- IV.** Paul calls them his crown: the Crown of Rejoicing/Boasting.