

## **The Victors' Crowns**

### The Crown of Glory

- 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).
  3. The Crown of leading someone to the Lord (1 Thes. 2:19).
- II.** The Crown describing glory (1 Pet. 5:1-4).
- III.** Three descriptions for one **MAN**.
  1. Elder: a designation of spiritual growth (Acts 20:17).
  2. Bishop: an elected office to head the spiritual growth of the church.
  3. Pastor: a man with the spiritual gift of pastor-teacher.
- IV.** The Crown characterized by glory (1 Pet. 5:4).
  1. Crown described by glory.
  2. Glory here is performing up to expectations.
- V.** Qualifications for the office of bishop (1 Tim. 3:1-6; Tit. 1:7-9).
  1. Without reproach, earned good report—elder.
  2. One woman kind of **MAN**—elder.
  3. Self-controlled—elder.
  4. Sober minded regarding Scripture—elder.
  5. Orderly lifestyle—elder.
  6. Hospitable with other Christians—elder.
  7. Skillful in teaching—pastor teacher.
  8. Not prone to hit people—elder.
  9. Forbearing—elder.
  10. Not prone to fighting physically—elder.
  11. Not fond of money—elder.
  12. Manages his own household—elder.
  13. Has children under control in the home—elder.
  14. Does #13 with dignity—elder.
  15. Not a recent convert—elder.
  16. Must have a fitting witness outside the church, not a disgrace to the church—elder.
- VI.** Qualification for the Crown characterized by Glory.
  1. Be mature spiritually.
  2. Have the gift of pastor-teacher.
  3. Be in the elected office of bishop.
  4. Not motivated by monetary gain.
  5. Eager to teach the Word.
  6. Not a dictator over the church.
  7. Leads by example in the Christian life (Heb. 13:7, 17).