“We have been discussing the five **CROWNS** that God will reward us with and these **CROWNS** are not necessarily the only rewards we will receive. They may not even represent the primary rewards. The Bible teaches that when we go to Heaven to serve the Lord, we will be rewarded when we get to the kingdom with the opportunity to serve in new and special ways. Part of our reward will be to reign and rule with Christ on this earth and each of us will have opportunity to serve the Lord based upon our faithfulness in serving him now. Knowing this gives us renewed determination to serve the Lord with all our hearts.”

From David Jerimiah’s book “Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven”, page 236

Lesson from above…We are accountable!

5 **CROWNS** for believers:

**CROWN Of Righteousness:**

1. 2 Timothy 4:8 Given to all those who eagerly looked forward to and loved His appearing.

When I was a young man working for IBM, we use to have a label for people who were leaving the business. They were called “short timers”. All their focus was how they could position themselves to leave in good shape, take all they could get and land in a prosperous way. They were motivated by their best interest and their future. God is offering us a better deal in Heaven. Let us face it, we are short timers on earth.

I find few people in the Christian walk focused on Jesus coming back or the fact we are going to Jesus. Most Christians are focused on improving their temporal circumstances or creating a theocratic society.

The attitude today is because Jesus loves me, there will be no judgment or accountability in Heaven. So don’t worry about being accountable. That thinking is unbiblical. He loves me and will discipline me. I am accountable.

Be motivated and live life with a short timer’s attitude and be assured, you will see Jesus soon. This thinking is in your best interest.

Application:

1. Do I think about Jesus return daily? Do I pray and do I desire that He come back today?
2. How would Jesus grade me on this mindset?
3. What do I need to do to get myself better focused on this mindset?
4. Would you be eligible for this CROWN?
5. [**INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN**   1 Corinthians 9:25-27](http://so4j.com/five-crowns-rewards-in-heaven.php#incorruptible#incorruptible) Given to those who disciplined their bodies and exercised self-control.

1Co 9:25 And everyone who strives for the mastery is temperate in all things. Then those truly that they may receive a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible.

1Co 9:26 So then I run, not as if I were uncertain. And so I fight, not as *one who* beats the air.

1Co 9:27 But I buffet my body, and lead *it* captive, lest proclaiming to others I myself might be rejected.

Observations:

1. In 1Co 9:26 the word “so” is the same as the word therefore. Paul concluded he would run his life in a Jesus direction on purpose. Not by accident or just drifting. His life was serving Jesus.

2. 1 Co 9:27-The word rejected means unapproved, rejected, in subjection. We have a choice, we can be spirit led or flesh led, i.e. accepted or rejected. This is what he is speaking about. Don’t be flesh led.

In my younger years, I was flesh led. The call is to be disciplined and do what God instructs, i.e. spirit led. Your self-discipline is up to you but God advises you to be disciplined. You will not please God being flesh led.

Application:

1. How would I grade myself on self-discipline? Areas of consideration are lust, eating, money, entertainment, vocabulary, etc.
2. What is one area, or flesh led I need to discipline?
3. How would Jesus grade me on this mindset?
4. What do I need to do to get myself better focused on this mindset?
5. Would you be eligible for this CROWN?
6. [**CROWN OF LIFE**   James 1:12, Revelation 2:10](http://so4j.com/five-crowns-rewards-in-heaven.php#life#life)
Given to those who loved God and endured through tests and temptations and were faithful until death.

We live in a promiscuous, licentious, and corrupt society and culture. This is not a new state of man. We are continually tested, tempted and exposed to evil. There is so much evil around us, we are numb to what we are exposed to. I rarely “hate” evil or get disgusted with the things around me. Maybe I should be. But we are called out of this world to walk as a priest of God in our life. I must ask myself,

* + - 1. Am I enduring the test and temptations
			2. Would Jesus call my thought life and behavior “faithful unto death”.

It doesn’t matter or count what others around think of my performance. What will Jesus think of me?

Application:

1. What am I reading? What movies am I going to? Is my vocabulary clean?
2. How would Jesus grade me on this mindset?
3. What do I need to do to get myself better focused on this mindset?
4. Would I be eligible for this CROWN?
5. **CROWN OF GLORY**   1 Peter 5:4

Given to Godly leaders who served believers willingly and eagerly, not for personal gain; leading by example.

The problem I find in some Christians is they serve with a hidden agenda. They have a motive of payback from the recipient or organization. They teach a bible study hoping for praise. They speak at a party, SS class, or conference seeking praise. Self-worth and praise is the motive for their service. Put your pride in your pocket and serve with no agenda knowing God will “settle up” with you in the future. Pride comes before a fall.

 Application:

1. Do I serve without personal gain from the recipient as my motive?
2. How would Jesus grade me on this mindset?
3. What do I need to do to get myself better focused on this mindset?
4. Would I be eligible for this CROWN?
5. **CROWN OF REJOICING**   1 Thessalonians 2:19, Daniel 12:3

Given to those who were involved in influencing others to
righteousness and relationship with God

Are you equipped and skilled at witnessing for Jesus? Do you know how to engage another person for the Gospel? If not, you need to find a seminar or class on sharing Christ and go to it.

Application:

1. How would Jesus grade me on this mindset?
2. What do I need to do to get myself better focused on this mindset?
3. Would I be eligible for this CROWN?

These are not the only Rewards but they are singled by the Scriptures for our focus. You should recognize the incredible glory you will receive in eternity for pursuing obedience in the temporal. focus and get these 5 CROWNS worked out in your life.

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Mission statement of the blogs

These blogs are to stimulate your biblical thinking to become Issachar’s of our time.

1Ch 12:32 and from the sons of Issachar, “*men* who had an understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do”.

These blogs are an attempt to articulate key biblical issues of our day so that we can:

1. Learn and understand the propositions of the Bible concerning our life.
2. We can apply the truth in our life in the sanctification process.
3. Contend/defend against heresy or apostasy.
4. We can draw closer to God.

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Areas one must study and think on if they want to have a CWV.

The highlight in green is work done on the subject earlier.

1. [My Purpose in Life](https://mimbooks.com/product/establishing-your-purpose/)-In a booklet at MIM
2. [Authority and accuracy of the Word](https://jacksonsjournal.com/the-word/)
3. Family-Blog 20
	* My marriage-Blog 20
	* Sexual relation to spouse
	* Money
	* Your children-Blog 20
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4. Learning and thinking
	* [Words](https://jacksonsjournal.com/the-power-of-words/), Words Count-discussed in Blog 10
5. Dating and then marrying non-believers-you and your children-discussed in Blog 20.2
6. Moral discipline of brothers and members of the family-Church Discipline-discussed Blog 20.3
7. Habits
8. My dealing with sexual deviants or the overall moral decay of my society.
9. How to serve my boss
10. My view and my obedience to authorities in my life, i.e.
	* the Word, -discussed in Blog 12
	* the President,
	* the Governor,
	* the Police,
	* the Church leadership,
	* the Father,
	* the Mother,
	* the Spouse,
	* the driving laws,
	* etc.
11. Fearing God, Blog [1](https://jacksonsjournal.com/fear-part-1/) and [2](https://jacksonsjournal.com/fear/)
12. My “generosity-giving”
13. The church-discussed in Blog 7 and Blog 20.3
14. Forgiveness-discussed in Blog 9
15. My contentment with my life and where God has me-discussed in Blog 3.5
16. My motivation-Blog 20.4
17. [My Legacy with the Kids](https://jacksonsjournal.com/my-legacy-to-the-kids/)-discussed in Blog 19
18. [What is Success](https://mimbooks.com/product/success-a-biblical-perspective/)-In a booklet at MIM
19. View of death and life after-discussed in Blog 8
20. My good works
21. My Contending-Contend-Blog 5
22. My Theology
23. My Hope-discussed in booklets on profit motive at MIM
24. [Why do I work](https://mimbooks.com/product/why-go-to-work/)-discussed in booklets on Why Go To Work-MIM
25. REST