

## SECOND PETER CHAPTER 1

### Lesson 19

## EARNING CROWNS

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We ought to ensure that we have an abundant entrance “**into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ**” (vs. 11). The Bible tells us there are five specific crowns that are available to the believer, which will be given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Though they are optional, you will not want to be without them: for they show how much you care for the Lord.

### THE INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN

**1 Cor. 9:24-27** The Holy Spirit tells the Christian that it’s a good thing to run to obtain an incorruptible crown. We can choose to spend all our time, energy, gifts, and abilities to obtain corruptible crowns or incorruptible crowns. The Holy Spirit tells us which one will matter forever.

How do you earn an incorruptible crown? Verse 27 says by keeping your body in subjection and denying the appetites of the flesh. It’s possible only if you love the Lord.

### THE CROWN OF LIFE

**JAMES 1:12-16** This crown is given to those who endure temptation. They don’t let the trials of life cause them to lose their love for the Lord Jesus Christ. It is promised to “**them that LOVE Him.**”

### THE CROWN OF REJOICING

**1 Thess. 2:19-20** This is the soul winner’s crown. You’ll rejoice to see people in Heaven that you led to the Lord Jesus Christ.

### THE CROWN OF GLORY

**1 Peter 5:1-5** This is the reward for faithful leadership. It is not just for pastors and teachers in the church. It is for faithfully fulfilling your leadership role in whatever position of authority you have, whether it be in the family (husband, parent), the church, classmates, outreach group, or any place where you can be a positive influence on others.

The quantity of people that are under you doesn’t matter. The quality and faithfulness of your leadership is what matters.

### THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

**2 Timothy 4:7-8** This crown is for people who just can’t WAIT to be with Jesus and see Him face to face.

This is not given to those who just want to get out of this corrupt world.

This is not given to those who just want to be free from their pain and suffering.

This is not given to those who just want to see their lost loved ones.

This is not given to those who just want to be raptured and see Heaven.

### THE CROWNS ARE OUR GIFTS OF APPRECIATION FOR OUR WONDERFUL LORD

Revelation 4:10 How much do you value your Savior?