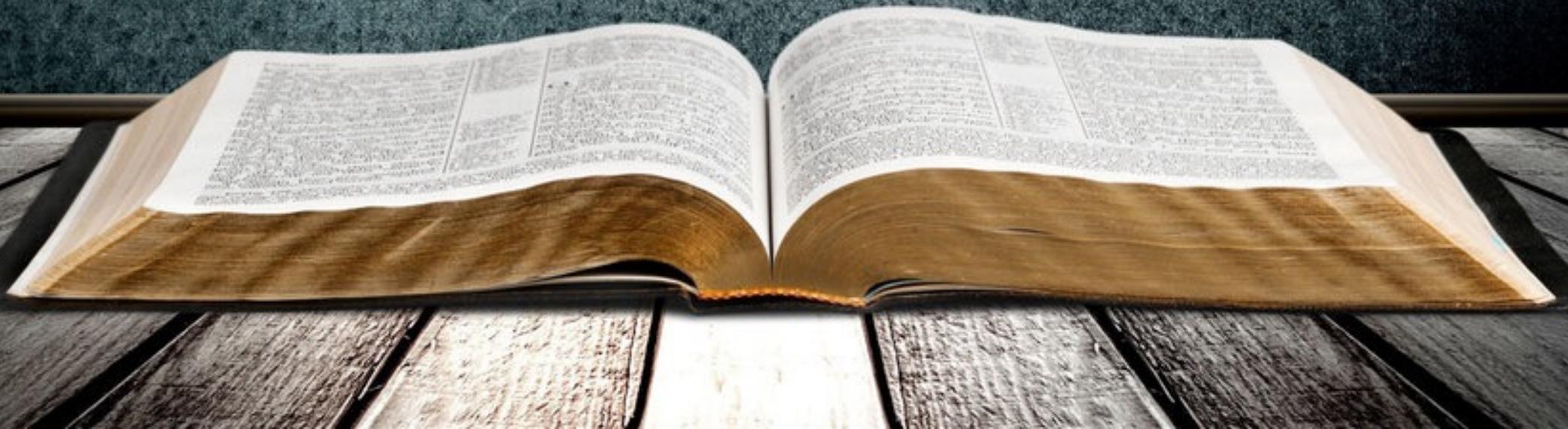


2 CORINTHIANS

A Verse-by-Verse Study



2 Corinthians 5: 8 (NASB)

but we are of good courage and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5: 9 (NASB)

*Therefore we also have as our ambition,
whether at home or absent, to
be pleasing to Him.*

Ambition

Greek: philotimeomai

- Our labor
- Our strive
- Our study
- Our focus
- Our Passion

Question?

What should we
be passionate
about as
Christians?

2 Corinthians 5: 9 (NASB)

*Therefore we also have as our ambition,
whether at home or absent, to
be pleasing to Him.*

Question?

What does it
mean to be
passionate
about pleasing
God?

Philippians 2: 8-9



ISAIAH 25:1
25
For the LORD of hosts reigns
on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem,
and his glory will be before his elders.
25 O LORD, you are my God,
I will exalt you; I will praise you
forever.
For you have done wonderful things,
the fortified city is a ruin,
the foreigners' palace is a heap
of rubble; strong peoples
you have been a stronghold to the
needy in his distress,
a shelter from the storm and a shade
from the breath of the storm;
like hear in a dry place,
as heat by the shade of the
tree.
On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged
wine; well-refined
oil will swallow up
the covering that is cast over all
peoples.
He will swallow up death forever,
and the LORD God will wipe away
tears from all faces;
the reproach of his people he
will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

Philippians 3: 8-9 (NASB)

More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them mere rubbish,

Question?

Why does Paul
consider the
things of this
world as
garbage?

Philippians 3: 8-9 (NASB)

so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,

1 Corinthians 10: 31 (NASB)

*Therefore, whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do, do all things for the
glory of God.*

Question?

What is your
passion?

Nothing should be more
important in our lives than the
pursuit of God and desiring to
please Him!

Romans 12: 1-2



25 *For the LORD of hosts reigns on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and his glory will be before his elders.*
For you have done wonderful things, O LORD, you are my God, you will exalt you, I will praise you, for you have done wonderful things, the fortified city is a ruin, it will never be rebuilt, therefore strong peoples will grieve, cities of ruthless nations will glory, for you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the breath of the heat, you subdue the ruthless as heat by the song of the shade of the ruthless is like a down.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-sweetened wine, well-refined, And he will swallow up the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations, and the LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

He will swallow up death forever, and the LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

Romans 12: 1-2 (NASB)

Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Question?

How do we
present our
bodies as a holy
sacrifice?

Romans 12: 1-2 (NASB)

*And **do not be conformed to this world,** but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Question?

How does it
mean to
conform to this
world?

Question?

How do we not
conform to this
world?

Romans 12: 1-2 (NASB)

*And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Question?

What happens
when we do not
conform to this
world?

Romans 12: 1-2 (NASB)

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

2 Corinthians 5: 9 (NASB)

*Therefore we also have as our ambition,
whether at home or absent, to
be pleasing to Him.*

Question?

What was Jesus
passionate
about?

Luke 2: 49 (NKJV)

And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?”

2 Corinthians 5: 9 (NASB)

*Therefore we also have as our ambition,
whether at home or absent, to
be pleasing to Him.*

Question?

What should
motivate us to
be passionate
about pleasing
God?

2 Corinthians 5: 10 (NASB)

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive compensation for his deeds done through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad.

Question?

Will we stand
before the
Judgement Seat
of Christ as
Christians?

2 Corinthians 5: 10 (NASB)

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive compensation for his deeds done through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad.

Question?

Will we be judged as Christians?

John 5: 24 (NIV)

*“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life **and will not be judged** but has crossed over from death to life.*

Isaiah 43: 25 (NASB)

*“I, even I, am he who **blots out your transgressions**, for my own sake, **and remembers your sins no more.**”*

*For a Christian, the Great White Throne
Judgement is not to be feared because it
is where we will experience the full love
of God!*

Knowing everything we do, both good and bad, is written down should cause us to strive to live a Godly life, however I believe this is going to be a time of great joy as Christians.

As we stand before the Judgement Seat of Christ I believe He will stand and smile and say “I know this one. (Insert your name here if you are a Christian) name is written in my Lambs Book of Life and (Insert your name here if you are a Christian) is mine, I paid (his/her) penalty and all his/her sins were forgiven and forgotten and they are Holy and Pure.

Welcome home my good and faithful servant for you are holy and pure in the sight of God and let me tell you what my new name just for you is. I have been waiting a long time to tell you”

2 Corinthians 5: 10 (NASB)

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive compensation for his deeds done through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad.

Bad

Greek: phaulos

- Worthless
- Useless
- Bad
- Evil
- Easy

Question?

What are some
of our rewards
in heaven?

1 Corinthians 9: 25-27 (NIV)

Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

1 Corinthians 9: 25-27 (NIV)

Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.



WINNER'S CROWN

Winner's Crown

This crown is awarded to those who have maintained their focus on Christ. Those who were not distracted by the things of this world, but exercised discipline in putting Christ first.

Question?

Does your life
reflect a
dedication to
God or
something else?

2 Timothy 4: 8 (NIV)

*Now there is in store for me **the crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also **to all who have longed for his appearing.***



Crown of Righteousness

Crown of Righteousness

This crown is awarded to those who long for their true home, heaven. Those who long to see Jesus and await His return. Those who long for eternity with God.

Question?

Do you long for
Christ's return?

1 Thessalonians 2: 19



25 *For the LORD of hosts reigns
on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem,
and his glory will be before his elders.*
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1 Thessalonians 2: 19 (NKJV)

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?

1 Thessalonians 2: 19 (NLT)

After all, what gives us hope and joy, and what will be our proud reward and crown as we stand before our Lord Jesus when he returns? It is you!



Crown of Rejoicing

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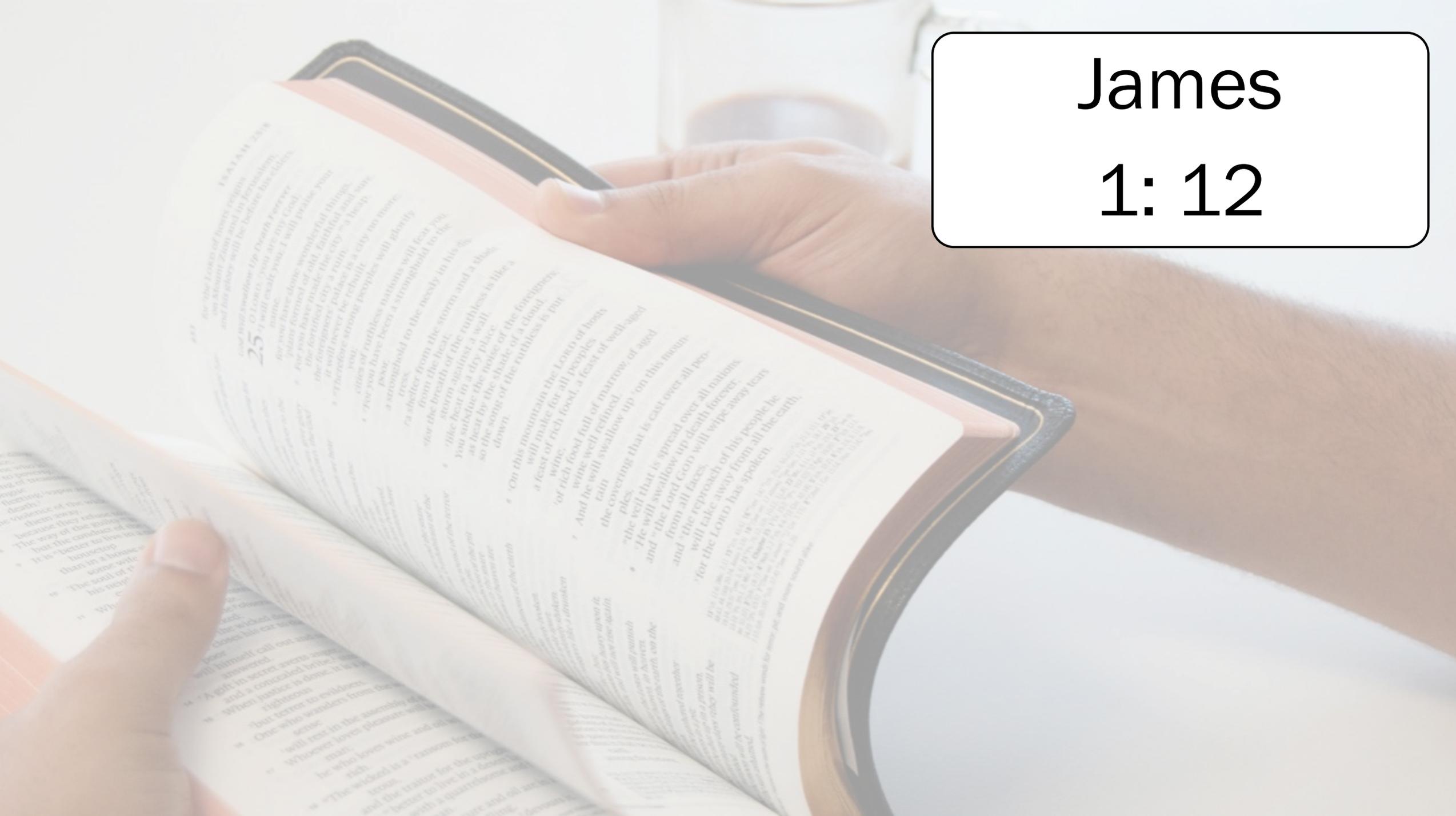
This crown is awarded to those who have led others to Christ.

Question?

Do you talk to
others about
Jesus?

James

1: 12



James 1: 12 (NIV)

*Blessed is **the one who perseveres under trial** because, having stood the test, that person will receive **the crown of life** that the Lord has promised **to those who love him.***



Crown of Life

Crown of Life

This crown is awarded to those who love Jesus so much that they have stood up under persecution without bowing down to society.

Question?

Do you stand up
for Jesus?

Revelation 2: 10



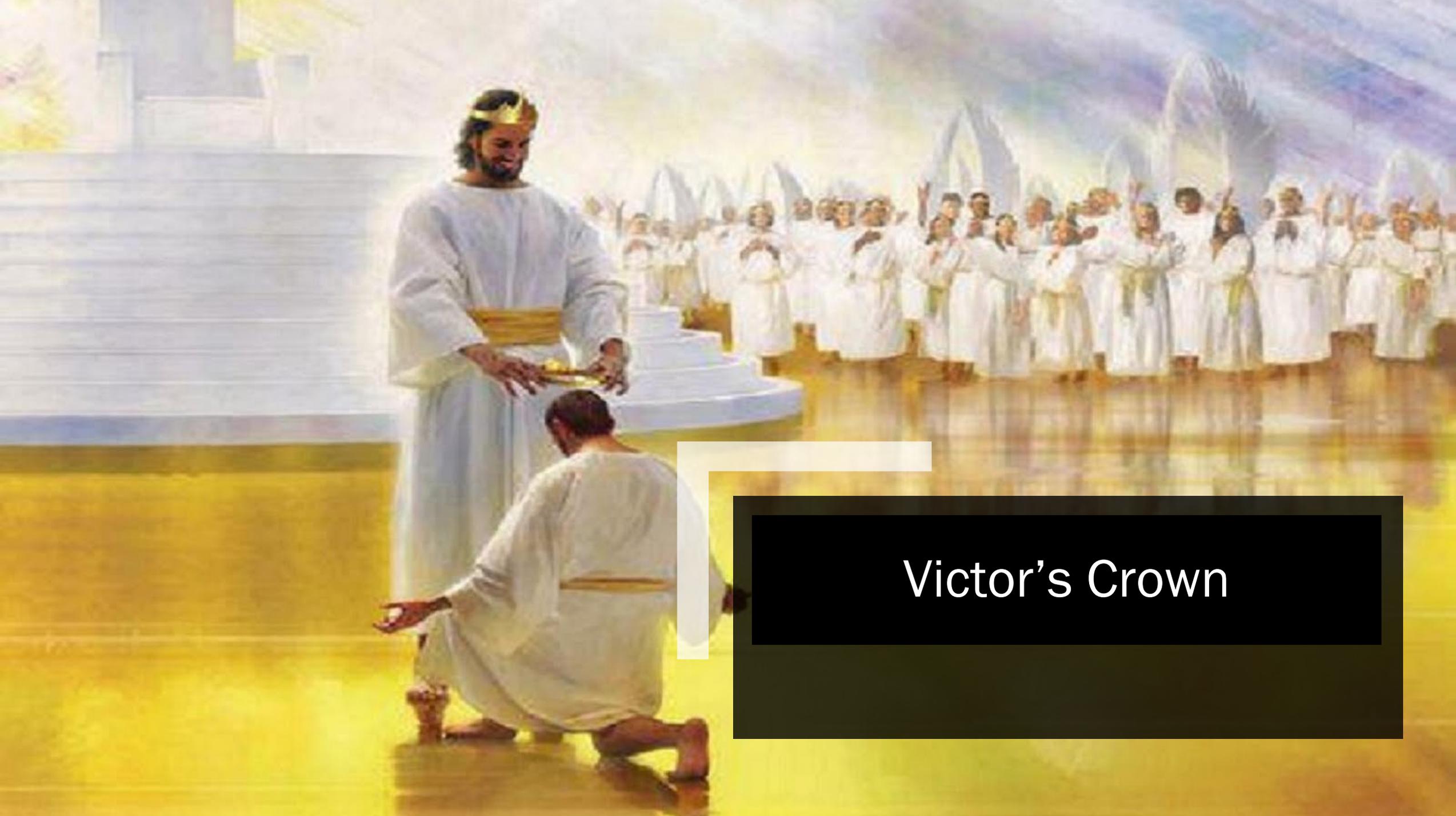
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in you,
for you have been a stronghold to the
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a stronghold to the needy in his
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Revelation 2: 10 (NIV)

Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.



Victor's Crown

Victor's Crown

This crown is awarded to those who have
been killed because of Jesus.

Question?

Would you be
willing to face
death for Christ?

1 Peter 5: 1-4 (NIV)

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed:

1 Peter 5: 1-4 (NIV)

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve;

1 Peter 5: 1-4 (NIV)

*not lording it over those entrusted to you,
but **being examples to the flock**. And
when the Chief Shepherd appears, **you**
will receive the crown of glory that will
never fade away.*



Crown of Glory

Crown of Glory

This crown is awarded to the faithful shepherds of the Church. These are pastors, elders, deacons, Sunday school teachers, ministry team leaders and others who are devoted to leading, protecting, correcting, teaching and maturing the flock.

Revelation 4: 10-11



25 *For the LORD of hosts reigns on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and his glory will be before his elders.*

25 *O LORD, you are my God, you will exalt me. I will praise you, for you have done wonderful things, the foreigners' palace is a ruin, it will never be rebuilt, you cities of ruthless peoples will glory in a stronghold to the needy in his distress, from the breath of the storm and a storm against a dry place, as heat by the shade of the ruthless is put down.*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-sweetened wine, well-refined, the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations, and the LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces, for the LORD has spoken.

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Revelation 4: 10-11 (NASB)

the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and they will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne,

Revelation 4: 10-11 (NASB)

saying, “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”



2 Corinthians 5: 10 (NASB)

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive compensation for his deeds done through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5: 11 (NASB)

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade people, but we are well known to God; and I hope that we are also well known in your consciences.

Question?

What is the fear
of the Lord?

Matthew 10:28



25 *For the LORD of hosts reigns on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and his glory will be before his elders.*
For you have done wonderful things, O LORD. You are my God, and I will praise you. You are my God, and I will praise you. You are my God, and I will praise you.

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Matthew 10: 28 (NASB)

*And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather **fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.***

Hebrews 12: 28-29



25 *For the LORD of hosts reigns on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and his glory will be before his elders.*

For you have done wonderful things, O LORD, you are my God. I will praise you, O LORD, for you have made the city a ruin, the foreigners' palace is a heap, you will never be rebuilt, you cities of ruthless nations will glory in their poverty, for you have been a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the breath of the heat, you subdue the noise of the war, as heard by the noise of the song of the ruthless is like a down.

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Hebrews 12: 28-29 (NLT)

*Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by **worshiping him with holy fear and awe. For our God is a devouring fire.***

Question?

Do we see a fear
of the Lord
today?

Question?

What does fear
of the Lord
cause us to do?

2 Corinthians 5: 11 (NASB)

*Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord,
we persuade people, but we are well
known to God; and I hope that we are
also well known in your consciences.*

Persuade

Greek: peitho (pi'-tho)

- To engage by argument
- To reason with
- To debate
- To dialogue
- To be inviting, compelling, challenging.

2 Corinthians 5: 11 (NASB)

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade people, but we are well known to God; and I hope that we are also well known in your consciences.

John 10: 14-15



John 10: 14-15 (NASB)

I am the good shepherd, and I know My own, and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep

2 Corinthians 5: 11 (NASB)

*Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord,
we persuade people, but we are well
known to God; and I hope that we are
also well known in your consciences.*

2 Corinthians 5: 12 (NASB)

We are not commending ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to be proud of us, so that you will have an answer for those who take pride in appearance and not in heart.

Paul is saying that he is not speaking to the Church in Corinth with words that might be commended by men or make him popular among the Church, He is speaking words that are needed and will result in a positive change.

2 Corinthians 5: 12 (NASB)

We are not commending ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to be proud of us, so that you will have an answer for those who take pride in appearance and not in heart.

Question?

Who takes pride
in appearance
but not in heart?

Paul was frequently attacked by false teachers in the Church, who often seemed to attack his appearance because they were consumed with the way you dressed and looked.

They believed Godly people should look good and righteous on the outside. Paul is reminding the Corinthians of his motives, so they could answer his critics. By doing so they would strengthen their faith in the Lord and silence the false teachers.

2 Corinthians 5: 12 (NASB)

We are not commending ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to be proud of us, so that you will have an answer for those who take pride in appearance and not in heart.

2 Corinthians 5: 13 (NASB)

For if we have lost our minds, it is for God; if we are of sound mind, it is for you.

Question?

How are
Christians often
viewed by
society?

Paul's devotion to the Lord would be viewed as insanity by the world.

Even today believers who are faithful to God are often viewed as "freaks", "mad" or "fanatics."

2 Corinthians 5: 13 (NASB)

For if we have lost our minds, it is for God; if we are of sound mind, it is for you.

2 Corinthians 5: 14 (NASB)

For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;

Controls

Greek: sunecho, soon-ekh'-o

- To control
- To hold together or to be held together
- To encompass about or to encircle
- To be imprisoned
- To be taken over or conquered.

Question?

How does the
love of Christ
control us?

This is something positive.

Our lives are under the control of Jesus Christ who captures us with His Love found in the Gospel and transforms us with the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

As a result, we are consumed with the very same mission of Jesus that reached us.

Question?

Who controls
your life?