



“Heaven should not be construed as an experience in which the glorified saint becomes a ‘cloud potato,’ reclining as he polishes harp and halo throughout the eons of eternity.” Paige Patterson, *Heaven*, p. 116

“Rewards ... shall be given to the most obscure and unknown of you, who for His sake have sought to teach little children or to reclaim the adult who had fallen into sin. Take courage – your work of faith and labor of love are not in vain in the Lord, and will do wonders yet to the praise of His grace.”

Charles Spurgeon, sermon “The Fruits of Grace,” Jan 21, 1872

## 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Crown

- Given to those who develop personal/spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ in their lives
- Recipients learned to say \_\_\_\_\_ to some things and \_\_\_\_\_ to others

“Good things are bad things when they keep you from the best things. Life would be easier if it were a choice between good and bad. But it's a choice between good and best.” Adrian Rogers

“Self-discipline is the ability to do what you should do, when you should do it, whether you feel like it or not.” Elbert Hubbard, American author

## 2. The Crown \_\_\_\_\_

- Given to those who play a role in \_\_\_\_\_
- Soulwinning is a \_\_\_\_\_
- Winning people to Jesus is:

### 3. The Crown \_\_\_\_\_

- Given to those who have a \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord and \_\_\_\_\_

“How would you feel with nothing to look forward to? Welcome to non-Christianity. Without Christ, there’s no ultimate anticipation. ... Our best days are ahead of us, and we can anticipate all the glories of eternity. That should motivate our daily faithfulness as we await His return.”

David Jeremiah, *Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven*, p. 128

- These believers understand that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. The Crown \_\_\_\_\_

- Given to those who \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, even to the point of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The N.T. was written primarily to believers who lived in:

According to the ministry, Open Doors, 100% of believers living in 21 countries around the world experience persecution for their faith with more than 215 million facing “high levels” of persecution.

“Nearly 1 in 12 Christians lives in an area or culture in which Christianity is illegal, forbidden, or punished.”

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are part of the Christian experience

### 5. The Crown \_\_\_\_\_

Given to Christian \_\_\_\_\_ and those who are faithful \_\_\_\_\_ of the people of God

**The greatest reward:**

**What we’ll do our first day in heaven**