

TEARS OF DISAPPOINTMENT

Trophies of gold and silver, filled my every need. I lived a life of pleasures, and I lived my life for me. I conquered the raging waters, and I waded the icy seas. I scaled over life-ways mountains to win life's race, you see.

When I reached my destination, what a fool, I had been. I gained that fame and fortune, but gave no time to Him. Tears of disappointment, ran slowly down Christ's face. He said my son what have you done, to glorify My name.

I look back on my life below, as the world said he was great. Then came that quick and silent night, when was the end of my race. I wasted life on carefree things, and failed my Lord so well. Life's hands of time have now been closed, Christ says you've not done well

Self pride and accomplishment, now came to my dismay. Life's winners and fierce competitors, were losers in heaven's gates. I won the game of lifeless glories of man's wisdom and low worth. I lost my chance to live a life, to herald my new birth

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Mark 8:35-36- For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. (36) For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

I Cor 9:24-25- Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. (25) And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

I Peter 1:4-5- *To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, (5) Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

TEMPORAL CROWN ARE NICE! ***BUT STRIVE FOR THE SPIRITUAL CROWNS:***

- 1) **Incorruptible Crown: (For Self Discipline)** (I Cor 9:25-27) To those who master the corrupt nature
 - A. In the early Olympic Games, the prize won by the victor was a crown of olive leaves. Naturally, with the heat of the day, the crown withered. The apostle Paul contrasts that incident with the Christian life. “Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.” (Towns 793)
- 2) **Crown of Rejoicing: (For Faithful Witnessing and Fruit-bearing)** (I Thess 2:19,20; Prov 11:30) To the soul winners.
 - A. Every Christian should receive the crown of rejoicing
- 3) **Crown of Life: (Martyr’s Crown)** (James 1:12; Rev 2:10) To those who endure temptation
 - A. [Perhaps] is speaking of those whose service cost them their lives. (Towns 794)
- 4) **Crown of Righteousness: (Faithful in Light of Christ’s Return)** (II Tim 4:8) To those who love the doctrine of the rapture
 - A. This was probably what Dwight L. Moody was thinking of when on his deathbed, as he passed into eternity he said “This is my coronation (crowning of a monarch) day.” (Towns 794)
- 5) **Crown of Glory** (I Pet 5:2-4) For Pastors and Teachers



lets not run the race for a temporal trophy but for one that we can cast at the feet of Christ!