**I. Introduction To Crowns** –

 **a. The Judgment Seat** - Every believer in all history is going to stand before Jesus as a judge-as a good judge, as a kind judge.

1 Corinthians 4:5; 9:24-25

2 Corinthians 5:9,10

 **b. NT Words For Crowns:** The word origin is from nazar = consecration, crown, Naziriteship, dedicated, hair, Nazirite, separation.

 **1. The Royal Diadem**-

  **2. The Crown Of An Athlete** - The Greek word translated “crown” is stephanos (the source for the name Stephen)

**II. Five Crown of Reward -** There are five heavenly crowns mentioned in the New Testament that will be awarded to believers. They are the ***imperishable crown***, the ***crown of rejoicing***, the ***crown of righteousness***, the ***crown of glory and*** the ***crown of life***.

 **a. The Imperishable Crown** – 1 Corinthians 9:24-25

 **b. The Crown of Rejoicing –** God’s messengers preparing others for the coming of Jesus through evangelism. 1 Thessalonians 2:19.

 **c. Crowns of Life –** Set aside for the martyrs. Revelation 2:10

 **a. Martyrs Crown -** \*Revelation 6:10-11

 **d. The Crown of Righteousness –** The crown of righteousness is given to all who long for Christ’s return and those that walk in a deep desire to obey God over man. 2 Timothy 4:8.

 **e. The Crown of Glory –** The crown of glory is received by the shepherds of the Church.1 Peter 5:4, Romans 8:18 NKJV.

**III. Rarity of The Crowns** -

 **a. Who Receives a Crown?** Crowns are only given to those whom the Lord personally approves to get a crown.

**IV. Enduring Temptation and Adversity-** The stephanos crown is not given to all believers, but only those who endure temptation by consistently walking in obedience. James. 1:1.

**V. Rise Above Mediocrity and Passivity –** Phil.3:13.

**Read 5 Minutes Inside Eternity** – Sit before Jesus and ask Him to tell you what area of your life needs more sacrifice and devotion to God in this age. In what areas do you need to weep more, grieve more, love, pray more, and give more?