

## **"Ambition for Divine Approval"**

2 Corinthians 5:9-10

*Paul's ambition was to please to the Lord, knowing that one day he would stand before the Lord and give an account for all he had done in his life.*

I. A \_\_\_\_\_ (5:9a, c)

II. A \_\_\_\_\_ (5:9b)

III. A \_\_\_\_\_ (5:10)

A. A time of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 3:11-13)

B. A time of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 3:8b, 14)

C. A time of \_\_\_\_\_

1. With the \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thess 2:19)

2. With the \_\_\_\_\_ (Tit 2:13; Rev 4:10-11)

1. *The Crown of Life or "Martyr's Crown" (Ja 1:12; Rev 2:10)*

The Crown of Life is promised to the believer who endures testings, trials, and temptations, being faithful even if it leads to death.

2. *The Crown of Glory or "Pastor's Crown" (1 Pet 5:2-4)*

The Crown of Glory is promised to the Elders who faithfully shepherd the flock of God.

3. *The Crown of Rejoicing or "Soul Winner's Crown" (1 Thess 2:19-20; Phil 4:1)*

The Crown of Rejoicing is promised to the believer who has introduced people to Jesus Christ and discipled them to spiritual maturity.

4. *The Crown of Righteousness for those who "love His appearing" (2 Tim 4:8)*

The Crown of Righteousness is promised to the believer who has faithfully served the Lord.

5. *The Incorruptible Crown or "Victor's Crown" (1 Cor 9:25-27)*

The Incorruptible Crown is promised to the believer who exercises self control in the service of the Lord.