

# Crowns

## 1 Chron.20:2

OT kings wore golden crowns . . . .

Talent: about 75 lbs.

- Symbolizes victory, power...

1 Pt.2:9, you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**A royal priesthood (kings) wears crowns**

# I. Prov.4:1-13, Wisdom – the crown of glory

The most valuable people are the wise

“If you can read well, you can learn anything”

– If one has wisdom . . .

Prov.4: parents have experience. Listen and live

– 14-15: keep out . . . avoid the wrong path

1 Chr.12<sup>32</sup> the sons of Issachar who had  
<sup>1</sup>understanding of the times, <sup>2</sup>to know what Israel  
ought to do...

Mt.16<sup>2</sup> When it is evening you say, It will be fair  
weather, for the sky is red; <sup>3</sup> and in the morning,  
It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and  
threatening. Hypocrites! You know how to discern  
the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the  
signs of the times

- Good to know when to come in out of the rain
- More important: to avoid sin and error

2 Chron.1:7-13, Solomon's prayer

Fulfilled: 9:3-7

Compared to other kings: 9:22-23

True wisdom combines God's revelation  
with knowledge of the times

1 Co.6:.....5-6

Sad neglect of wisdom

We must obtain the crown of wisdom

# James 1:2-5

2: joy of trials? [Be glad for troubles???

3: testing produces patience (steadfast endurance)  
– we *learn* to endure

4a: be perfect: mature character, full-grown, adult

4b: be complete: integrity, whole, intact, blameless

4c: lacking in nothing: fall short, be in need or want

“You’re so demanding...expect so much...”

Do we choose cheapest physician?  
Dishonest contractor? ...preacher?

## James 1:2-5

5: If anyone is lacking in wisdom: serious (1 Co.6:5)

a. risk: lack wisdom. 1 K.3

b. request: ask of God (as 3:13-18)

c. resource: gives to all liberally...

d. result: it will be given him

1) Instruction: Prov.13:1

2) Avoid mistakes / failures of others: Ec.1-2

3) Experience: Ec.12:13-14



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II. Prov.12:4, **Excellent wife** –  
the crown of her husband

## Prov.14:1, the wise woman

- Excellent wife is a double blessing...

## Prov.31:10-31

- Excellent wife is God's greatest earthly gift to man
- Women's liberation discounts value of godly women

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III. Ph.4:1, **The saved – a joy and crown**

## Phil.4:1

One saved soul is worth time, effort, expense...

Jg.11:1-7, Jephthah

1 Th.2<sup>19</sup> For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? <sup>20</sup> For you are our glory and joy

- What filled Paul with highest joy?

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IV. 2 Tim.4:7-8, **Crown of Righteousness**

- Crown: award or prize for exceptional service or conduct
  1. Paul knew his execution was near
  2. If you know you will die at midnight, will you be here at 6:00?
  3. No Christian renounces faith on deathbed. Regrets he did not do more

## James 1:12, the crown of life

- Emblem of highest joy, glory, immortality
  - Suggests fullness of life that God grants His own
- Rv.2:10, crown of life . . . in death??
  - 11: Not a promise of immunity from physical death, but of immunity from the death that destroys the soul

Rv.3:11, beware...

'let no one TAKE your crown'

- How? By holding wrong view of life
- Mt.16:21-23
- Peter did not think Lord would die...
- Mt.16:24-25, cross...not for Jesus alone
- Ac.2, on David's throne: King of kings, wears crown of glory . . .
  - First, He wore crown of thorns. Mt.27:29



# What about us?

- We may not be nailed to a cross, but we must take up His cross...ready to endure anything for His sake
- “There are no crown-wearers in heaven who were not cross-bearers here below”