

Finishing Strong

2 Timothy 4:8

2 Tim 4:8 = Paul's Hope

C.T./L.T. = in the future there is laid up for me the crown (STEPHANOS) of the righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award (APODIDWMI) to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved (AGAPAW) His appearing (EPIPHANEIA).

Summary:

- 1. What is included in the term "His Appearing"?**
- 2. What about Crowns?**
 - A. The Importance of Crowns:**
 - 1). To win any crown requires focus, diligence, direction, efficiency, and sacrifice of self to the Lord, thus _____ Him. 1 Cor 9:24-27**
 - 2). It evidences a walk of faith with an _____ focus because in time you may just receive a crown of thorns. Matt 27:29 & Mark 15:17 & John 19:2-5**
 - 3). Historically, the winner of a crown would lay the crown at the master's _____ as tribute to the greatness of the master. Cf Rev 4:10**
 - B. The Angelic Conflict and the Crowns.**
 - 1). Jesus Christ will return wearing a golden crown, displaying that He is the _____. Rev 14:14**
 - 2). Satan uses the _____ of a crown to entice his prey. Matt 4**
 - 3). Satan will try and get you to focus on the reward of a crown instead of the _____ of the crowns (Heb 12:1-2). Rev 4:4,10**
 - 4). Crowns can be _____. Rev 3:10-11**
 - 5). False messiahs wear crowns, but we will know them by their _____, not by their appearance. Rev 6:2**
 - 6). Demons will _____ them. Rev 9:5-8**
 - 7). Israel's crown is her _____ whom Satan wants to destroy. Rev 12:1**
 - C. Crowns for Believers to win:**
 - 1). The Crown of "The Righteousness" is given to those who love Christ's Advents, because of the _____ given them by Jesus Christ. 2 Tim 4:6-8**
 - 2). The Crown of "The Life" is given for perseverance under trial because of _____ love for the Lord. Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10**
 - 3). The Crown of "The Glory" is given for true servant _____. 1 Pet 5:1-4**
 - 4). The "Crown" of Discipleship is made up of those whom you _____. Php 4:1; 1 Thes 2:19-20**

Bearing One Another's Burdens

1. Introduction:

- F. Principles that were taught early in the Church Age will be neglected and almost forgotten. Gal 6:1-5

Gal 6:1 = Restoring One Who Has Abused Freedom.

C.T. = Brethren, even if a man (ANTHRWPOS) is caught (EAN + PROLAMBANW) in any trespass (EN + TIS + PARAPTWMA), you who are spiritual (PNEUMATIKOS), restore (KATARTIDZW) such a one in a spirit of selflessness (PRAUT8S); each one looking (SKOPEW) to yourself, lest you too may be tempted (PEIRADZW).

Gal 6:2 = A Principle of "Law."

C.T./L.T. = Bear one another's burdens and thus you shall fulfill the law of the Christ.

Summary:

1. The weight that others carry can include physical, financial, emotional or spiritual, but primarily here we are looking at a spiritual problem.
2. To help bear someone else's burdens requires a personal involvement with them.
3. It may involve suffering in their place. Matt 8:17; Rom 15:1
4. To help others with spiritual problems we need to learn to evaluate what are proper goals.
5. The highest goals in life for any individual are to fulfill the Two Greatest Commandments. Mark 12:29-31
 - A. Goals are often established in life seeking to gain _____ or _____, two things that Adam lost at the Fall. Gen 2-3
 - B. If something is truly a goal, then there is automatically a _____ to reach the Goal. (Adam wanted to cover up his nakedness.)
 - C. The Motivation leads to a _____ of how to reach the Goal with the correct _____ being required. (Adam decided that an apron of fig leaves would be the best way to cover his nakedness.)
 - D. Human Goals that are reached only lead to a _____ happiness, then emptiness sets in and Goals are reset seeking to again achieve Significance or Security. (Adam was pleased with himself for developing a solution to cover his problems.)
 - E. _____ Goals lead to Anger, Guilt, Anxiety, or a combination of the three.
That God-given woman who was once the best thing in his life, was the problem. He blamed God as well for his mistake and experienced anxiety (fear) when exposed.
 - F. As Believers we already _____ all the Significance and Security that we need for eternity.

6. We also need to understand our Fallen Structure and how it thinks and works.
 - A. The Fallen Structure inherently _____ God, which defines our Attitude about Him. This is our Deepest Story and is Self-Serving. Matt 14:31; Jas 1:6; Jude 1:22
 - B. Doubting God has problems in that it leads to inconsistencies realizing it Needs _____, but they can't fully satisfy so there is a Hate of Others that develops and eventually a Self-Hate emerges. Survival then becomes the issue and a Methodology develops to carry that out. (See Goals chart)
 - C. A person's Attitude About God with the realization that other people cannot satisfy leads to searching for an _____ Against Pain, which sadly is how people often Approach Relationships.
 - D. When the Deepest Story of our life is Doubting God, it reveals our _____ Story and the personal Methodology developed to cope is what becomes our _____ Story, or how we function in life to Survive.
 - E. Those who Doubt God are _____, thus becoming _____ and _____.
7. We also need to understand our Godly Structure that is at war with our Fallen Structure.
 - A. The Godly Structure starts with _____ in God, which should lead to Quietness, Trust, and Worship.
 - B. Instead of Needing Others to satisfy our cravings, we are free to Love Them and develop a Freedom from _____ on what others do or think. John 13:34-35
 - C. Instead of Hating Others for not supplying all our needs, we learn to Accept Others which leads to _____ in Relationships. Rom 15:7
 - D. Instead of Self-Hate, we Judge Ourselves, leading to Repentance and _____ in Christ. 2 Cor 13:5
 - E. Instead of an attitude of Survival, we develop an attitude of Obedience toward God. This leads to Humble _____ and Joy. John 14:15,22,23
 - F. Instead of developing a Methodology for Survival, we develop an attitude of _____ that is Wise and Others Centered. Php 2:3-8
8. There is quite a distinction between the Fallen and Godly Structures.
 - A. Instead of an attitude of Self-Service we have an attitude of _____.
 - B. Instead of seeking an Antidote Against Pain for the purpose of Self-Protection we are able to _____ in Christ. 2 Pet 3:18
 - C. Instead of approaching others with Self-Centered personality traits, we can become _____ people.
9. "Bearing our Burdens" is exactly what Christ did for us on the cross, so how could someone be conformed to His image and not be willing to help others? Eph 5:1; 1 Cor 11:1