RUNNING TO WIN A LASTING CROWN

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The Bible Mentions Two Main Types Of Crowns.
The Kings Crown
The Victors Crown

Corona Means Crown --("Garland, Crown")
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The victor’s crown was wreath worn by the victors in the Olympic games was made of leaves & branches...

In opposition to all these fading crowns the apostles speak of the incorruptible crown, the crown of life (Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10) "that does not fade away" ((1Pe 5:4),

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1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (NIV) (24) Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. (25) Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. (26) Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. (27) No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.
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1. Life Is A Race
2. In Order To Win We Must Be Disciplined
4. In Order To Train Hard You Need To Know About The Reward
5. We Can't Get Others To A Place That We Ourselves Are Not Going To
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A Victor’s Crown Would Not Last For Long

We Run For A Crown Is Lasting And Will Not Fade Away

Crowns Are Rewards For A Race Well Run
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WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO WIN THIS RACE?

- Strict Training
- We Discipline Ourselves
- We Are Not Just "Air Box" "Beat The Air" "Shadowbox"
- If You Want To Win You Need To Press Ahead For The Prize
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Victor’s Crown = "Stefanos" = Finished In The Winners Circle

Crown Was Not Particularly Valuable Yet Highly Sought After

Those Who Wore The Crown Were Considered To Be Champions And Were Honored As Winners.
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We Are Running A Race -- In It To Win It

Rewards Go To The Champions

Winners Get A Lasting Crown That Does Not Fade Away
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THE NEW TESTAMENT LIST 5 DIFFERENT TYPES OF CROWNS

THE EVERLASTING CROWN – DISCIPLINED TRAINING

1 Corinthians 9:25 (NIV) (25) Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever
1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 (NIV) (19) For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? (20) Indeed, you are our glory and joy.
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THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS – LONG FOR JESUS’ RETURN

2 Timothy 4:8 (NIV) (8) Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
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THE CROWN OF GLORY – THE PASTOR’S CROWN

1 Peter 5:1-4 (NIV) (1) To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: (2) Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers--not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; (3) not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. (4) And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.
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THE CROWN OF LIFE – FOR PERSEVERING

James 1:12 (NIV) (12) Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.
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The Bottom Line Here Is That There Is Going To Be A Special Time Of Honoring Those Who Have Finished Their Race In Victory.

This World Is Not Our Home -- There Is So Much More

We Look To The Day When We Our Eternal Lord And King Will Place A Lasting Crown Upon Our Head