

## **VICTOR'S CROWN OF LIFE**

The theme behind our lesson text is “A Blessed Man.” The Greek word for man is aner (a noble believer). It is sometimes used genetically to refer to mankind **without gender** – “A Blessed Noble Believer.”

**Aner** (a spiritually mature believer)

(Eph.4:13) “**Until we all attain** (katantao/ a.a.subj/ reach or arrive) **to the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature (teleios) man (aner), to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.**” (reaching and maintaining spiritual maturity to dying grace/ SG = super grace believer)

Our lesson text explains three things about “A Blessed man (Noble Believer).” Following three homiletic points:

- **Perseverance in the Christian Way of Life:** “Blessed (makarios) is a man who (hos/ nsm) perseveres (hupomeno/ p.a.ind.3ps) under trial (peirasmos); for once he has been (ginomai/ a.m.ptc.nsm) approved (dokimos),
- **Promotion at the Judgement Seat of Christ:** “he will receive (lambano/ f.m.ind 3ps) the crown (ton stephanos/ **asm**) of life (tes zoe/ gsf),
- **Promised by faithful God (1 Cor1:9):** “which (hos/ **asm/ the crown of the life**) ~~the Lord~~ has promised (epaggello/ a.m.ind.3ps) to those who love (tois agapao/ p.a.ptc.dplm) Him.” (Jas.1:12)

<p><b>This lesson will study four aspects of the Victor's Crown of Life.</b></p>
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### **1. Paul outlined a rigid program for the Church Age Believer who to aspired to attain the Victor's Crown (stephanos) in (1 Cor.9:23-27).**

- **Qualifier**
  - (1 Cor.9:23-24) “I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it. Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.
- **Qualification**
  - (1 Cor.9:25) “Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.”
- **Qualifiable**
  - (1 Cor.9:26) “Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air;
- **Disqualification**
  - (1 Cor.9:27) “but I <sup>[a]</sup>discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

**2. Once a believer enters the race for a Victor's Crown, there are three ways the Church Age Believer could fail to receive it (Heb.12:1-2 and 2 Tim.4:7).**

**1<sup>st</sup>** – By not laying aside every encumbrance and sin which so easily entangles (Heb.12:1).

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – By not running with endurance the race set before him (giving up/ Heb.12:1-2).

**3<sup>rd</sup>** – By not finish the race (quitting/ 2 Tim.4:7).

**3. The Victor's Crown will be the Reflected Glory of the Church Age Believer's faithful service on behalf of Christ.**

**The Mission:** Reaching and maintaining spiritual maturity unto dying grace (Super Grace Status), The Victor's Crowns to be awarded at the Judgment Seat of Christ (JSC).

(2 Cor.5:10) "For we must all appear before the **Judgment Seat of Christ**, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."  
(1 Cor.3:10-15) [Rewards]

(1 Cor.9:25) "Therefore the Victor Crown is won in time and awarded in eternity".

**4. There are four Victor's Crowns that will be awarded at the Judgment Seat of Christ.**

- **The Victor's Crown of life** (tes zoe) (Jas.1:12; Rev.2:10) is awarded at Judgment Seat of Christ to the Church Age Believer who patiently endures/S to its finish or to dying grace.
- **The Victor's Crown of Righteousness** (tes dikaiosune) (2 Tim.4:6-8; 1:18-18; 6:12) is awarded at Judgment Seat of Christ to the Church Age Believer who reaches and maintaining spiritual maturity through faith cycle of word of God unto dying grace.
- **The Victor's Crown of Glory** (tes doxa) (1 Pet.5:1-4; Eph.1:11-13; Phil.1:8-11) is awarded at Judgment Seat of Christ to the spiritually gifted pastor-teacher who faithfully shepherd God's flock under his care.
- **The Victor's Crown of Boasting** (he stephanos kauchesis) (1 Thess.1:19-20; 2 Cor.5:17-21; Acts 1:8; Phil.4:1; 1 Cor.9:16-17, 23) is awarded at Judgment Seat of Christ to the faithful ambassador of The Gospel of Grace Salvation.

**These are the Victor's Crowns won in time - and worn in eternity**