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tough QUESTIONS

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with different values?

Two Questions:

- *Are there levels in Heaven and hell? Are levels based on when you are saved? Pastor Dan, you have devoted your entire life to serving Christ; your work and personal time are spent in His service. So, when we get to heaven will you be in a different level than the rest of us who are not serving God as our career? Also, will a person who has been saved since they were a child be on the same level as someone who is saved on their deathbed? After all, the one saved for many years had opportunities to do a lot of great things for God, but the latter may have only had a few short breaths.*
- *Will there be different crowns in heaven with different values? Again, Pastor Dan, you serve God as your vocation but most of us hold other jobs. Will your crowns be different from ours? Also, will we be jealous of one another's crowns in heaven? After all, if you get more crowns, did God love you more than He loved me?*

Levels in Heaven – What Scripture Says

II Corinthians 12:2 "Heaven" describes three different "realms":

- _____
- _____ (Psalm 19:1)
- _____ (Luke 23:43; Revelation 2:7)

Ephesians 2:8,9

Heaven is not the result of _____, it is the reward of _____.

Levels in Hell – What Scripture Says

Matthew 10:15; 11:24 – more _____.

Matthew 23:14; Luke 12:47-48 – greater _____.

Scripture seems to indicate that the greater one's knowledge of _____, the greater the _____ for rejecting Him.

Will There Be Different Crowns in Heaven With Different Values?

1. _____ Crown (I Corinthians 9:24-27)

This incorruptible crown is for the self _____.

2. Crown of _____ (I Timothy 2:19; Philippians 4:1)

How is this crown earned? By _____ souls for salvation.

3. Crown of _____ (II Timothy 4:8)

How is this earned? By _____ Christ's appearing.

4. Crown of Life (James 1:12; Revelation 2:10)

It is rewarded to those who _____ trials and still _____.

5. Crown of _____ (I Peter 5:1-4)

To whom is the Scripture written? Church elders/shepherds.

How is this award earned? By being a willing _____.

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What are crowns given for?

Also, will we be jealous of one another's crowns in heaven?

I John 3:2

I think an important question to ask here in closing is: *What is the purpose of our crowns? Will we use them to adorn ourselves and show how good we were?*

The Challenge:

- If there are various values of rewards, then how should this affect the life I live?
- If the rewards are given only for our service to please God, then what should my motives be in serving?
- If the rewards are to be my gifts to God, then how passionate should I be to gain many rewards?
- However, if rewards are only given to God's children, then how can I become one of God's children?