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Topic: Will you be given the Righteous Crown?

Scripture text: 2 Timothy 4:8

1. The word “crown” in 2 Timothy 4:8 refers to a crown earned after finishing a race. This was the God confidence Paul had because he lived a victorious and faithful life of service unto the Lord.
2. Only those who live a righteous life will have the assurance that they will receive a crown of righteousness. A righteous life is not one of sinless perfection but one where the Christian strives to be blameless in every aspect. He is ready to repent and do the right thing.
3. The crown given to the righteous is not a crown that can be earned by works. It is graciously given by the Lord Jesus Christ, our righteous judge, at His second coming. The One who suffered, bled and died for us will be the One who will present the crown to us.
4. There is great comfort for the believer because those who love the Saviour’s appearing will receive the crown. This is the love that must constrain us in everything we do. The desire to go to Heaven should come from a heart that yearns to see the Saviour and not just a hatred of the pains in this world.