

# A Crown of Life



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- James 1:12
- Revelation 2:10



# Crowns That May Come To Mind



# Imperial State Crown

- **The crown weighs two pounds thirteen ounces and boasts 2,873 diamonds, 273 pearls, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds, and five rubies, including one huge ruby and one huge sapphire.**



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# St. Edward's Crown

- **This crown used for the coronation of every king or queen of England since AD 1269. Queen Elizabeth II officially wore St. Edward's Crown at her coronation. It weighs just under five pounds and is made of pure gold and various jewels.**



# Coronation Ceremony

- **“God crown you with a crown of glory and righteousness, that having a right faith and manifold fruit of good works, you may obtain the crown of an everlasting kingdom by the gift of Him whose kingdom endureth forever.”**
  - **Archbishop of Canterbury**



# Diadem and Crown

- The **diadem** is a symbol of royal power and rulership.
- The **crown** is a symbol of "a reward of victory or mark of honor".
- If we are faithful and producing the fruits of good works, by the grace of God, we will be crowned at Christ's return with the crown of life, not the diadem of life.



# What Does the "Crown of Life" Represent?

## ■ James 1:12

**"Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for he has been proved, he will receive the crown of life..."**

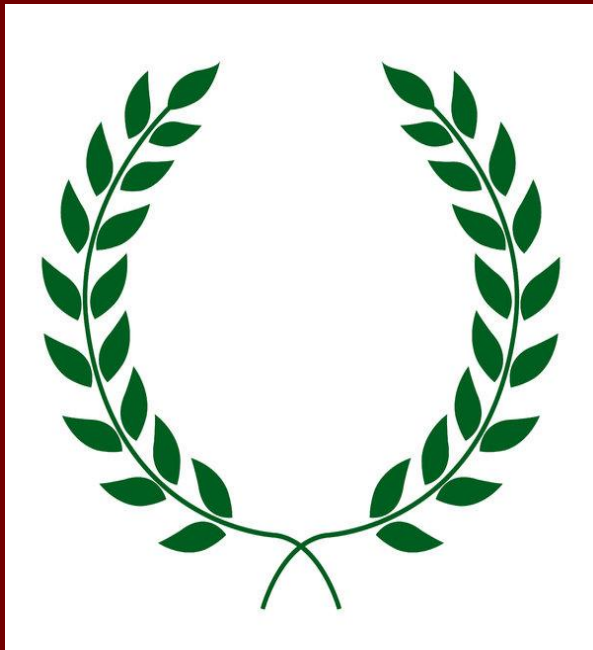
■ **"Proved" comes from the Greek word dokimos, meaning "stood the test; tested to be trustworthy; of sterling worth, like metal which is cleansed of all alloy."**

■ **Dokimos or one of its forms describes the successful testing of precious metals and coins, as well as the approval of the tested objects as genuine.**



# What Does the “Crown of Life” Represent?

- Crown is translated from *Stephanos* .
- Victory Garland / Victor’s Crown



# Biblical Crown Metaphors

- **Ezekiel 16:12; 21:26 –**

**Wives crowned with honor / Israel marriage to God**

- **Proverbs 12:4; 17:6;  
16:31; 14:24;**

**Psalms 65:11 –**

**Good Wife / Grandchildren /  
Old Age / Riches / Good  
Harvest**



- **Psalms 103:4 / Isaiah 28:5**

**Lovingkindness & Mercy / Relationship**

# Crown of the High Priest

- Exodus 28:36; 29:6; 39:30; Leviticus 8:9

The Golden Crown *of the*  
High Priest  
הַצִּיץ

*“And you shall make a crown of pure gold, and engrave on it in the manner of a signet ring, ”Holy to HaShem.”* (Exodus 28:36) The *tzitz* was a thin plate of pure, solid gold, worn across the forehead of the *kohen gadol*, from ear to ear. A second plate of gold fit around the back of the High Priest’s head and the two were tied together with woolen threads dyed with sky-blue *techelet* dye.



# Diadem vs Crown

- The **crown** of life is a crown of righteousness, and righteousness can be defined simply as "right doing." An overcomer is victorious over sin.
- The New Testament writers used **diadema** when they wanted to symbolize royal power, authority, or dignity
- The emphasis of the "crown of life" is victory, righteousness, and honor. The apostle Paul writes that the crown of life depicts victory in **I Corinthians 9:24-25**.

# Overcoming To Obtain A Crown of Life

- **II Timothy 4:7-8**
- **I Peter 5:2-4**
- **Revelation 2:8-11**

