

Rebuild, Restore, Renew

Prizes and Gifts



III. Prizes and Gifts

A. *Definitions:*

1. Prizes: brabeion: a prize bestowed in connection with the games is used of "the reward" to be obtained hereafter by the faithful believer.

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A. Definitions:

2. **Rewards:** *misthos*: pay for services (literally or figuratively), good or bad: KJV - hire, reward, wages.

Something offered in return for some service or benefit received.

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A. Definitions:

3. **Crowns:** 1. *stephanos* = a badge of royalty, a prize in the public games or a symbol of honor generally - denotes the victor's crown, the symbol of triumph in the games or some such contest; hence, a reward or prize; a token of public honor for distinguished service, military prowess or a festal.

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A. Definitions:

3. Crowns:

2. diadema = translated diadem (a band or wrapping around the turban of a king or his queen signifying the royal authority.)

III. Prizes and Gifts A. Definitions:

3. Crowns: (2.) diadema - The New Testament also makes a clear distinction between a diadem and a crown. A crown was a garland or a wreath awarded for faithfulness in service, such as a Crown of Righteousness ... while a diadem always symbolized royal authority or kingly and imperial dignity.

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· (stephanoo) to crown, conforms in meaning to stefanos - it is used of the reward of victory in the games, of the glory and honor bestowed by God upon man in regard to his position in creation [Heb. 2:7] of the glory and honor bestowed upon the Lord Jesus in His exaltation [Heb. 2:9] [Eph. 2] R.G.

Vines Expository of Biblical Words

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A. Definitions:

- Prizes, rewards, Crowns are earned/ gained by us through obedience, sacrifice, winning victories, service
- Prizes are God given honors, distinctions, promotions for those who willingly and obediently compete against our opponents in order to fulfill God's dream for mankind.

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A. Definitions:

4. Gifts: "It is the act of bestowing a favor or an item on another person without expecting anything in return. The purpose of a gift may be to honor, celebrate or simply to bestow favor or help. God is the giver of every good and perfect gift, including eternal life, salvation, the necessities of life, ability to work, the Holy Spirit, spiritual abilities, and, above all, His indescribable gift, His Son."

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A. Definitions: Gifts

a. Salvation

dorea: a gratuity, c.f. (doron: a present, a sacrifice, an offering) c.f. (dorema: a bestowment, gratuitously) (also applies to the baptism in the Holy Spirit)

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A. *Definitions: Gifts*

b. Charismata (manifestations of the Spirit)

Definition: A divine gratuity, i.e. deliverance (from danger or passion); (specifically) a (spiritual) endowment, i.e. (subjectively) religious qualification or (objectively) miraculous faculty. KJV translates as (free) gift.

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A. *Definitions: Gifts*

c. Domata

(leadership/governmental gifts)

[Ephesians 4]

Definition: A present

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A. *Definitions: Gifts*

- d. Natural Talent
- e. Opportunity
- f. Favor

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A. *Definitions: Gifts*

Gifts are given and received by
Grace through Faith- not earned
through human efforts

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B. Types/ Categories

1. Perishable / Temporal (C. Swindoll)
 - a. small wreath placed on the head of winners
 - b. exemption from all military duty
 - c. paid education for all family members
 - d. tax-exempt for rest of life
 - e. hole made in wall for bronze plaque honoring the victor's name / family, for the rest of time, as a tribute to him and his town

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B. Types/ Categories

2. Imperishable:
 - a. Crown of Life [James 1:12; Rev. 2:10]
 - b. Crown of Glory [1st Peter 5:4]
 - c. Crown of Righteousness [2nd Timothy 4:8]
 - d. Crown of Rejoicing [1Thess. 2:19; Phil. 4:1]
 - e. Crown of Rulership [Luke 16 and 19]
 - f. Imperishable Crown [1st Cor. 9:24-27]
 - g. Crown of Thorns [Mark 15:17]
 - h. Reward of Grace [Rom. 4:1-4]

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C. Significance/ Representation

1. Marks of Distinction

- a. Crown of Life - endurance against temptation
also, with the faithfulness of the saints
- b. Crown of Glory - faithful pastors and elders
- c. Crown of Righteousness - righteous living and righteous acts

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C. Significance/ Representation

- d. Crown of Rejoicing - soulwinning and congregations planted
- e. Crown of Mastery and Righteous Self-Discipline - mastery in all things and denial of the flesh

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C. Significance/ Representation

2. Promotion

* Crown of Rulership -
appointments and elevations for
greater service and responsibilities
in this present and forthcoming
Kingdom

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C. Significance/ Representation

3. **Crown of Thorns** - the royalty
and eternal life gained for us by
Jesus Christ = The reward of grace
(Rom. 4:4, 5:17-18)

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D. Conclusion:

1. Crowns/ rewards for victory, service and authority are gained/ earned by us. (1 Cor. 3)
2. Crowns indicating royalty, dignity, and eternal life are gained/earned for us by Jesus Christ's victory and mastery over sin. This is the reward of grace. (Romans 4: 1-4)

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D. Conclusion:

All crowns will be lovingly and continually presented and submitted to God the Father through Jesus Christ in praise and worship of His Lordship, character and deeds !