LIVING UP in a DOWN WORLD
What Should Be

God
Family
Work
Church
Other (Rec, Sports, Celebration)

What Is

Other (SPORTS)
1 Cor 9:24-27
Work
Family
Church
God
Sports Bring Some Amazing Blessings To Our Lives

~Recreation
~Discipline
~Teamwork

~Self Esteem
~How to Win
~How to Lose!

BUT

~Sometimes they "take over!"
~Sometimes they "counterfeit"
Compete With A Desire and Commitment To Win!

“...run in such a way to get the prize!”
1 Cor 9:24

“...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”
1 Cor 10:31
Run With Focus and Discipline

• Don’t run aimlessly (w/o focus)
• Don’t be disqualified (fail the test)
Compete For The Right Prize!

- **Perishable:** Fading away
- **Imperishable:** Eternal
Perishable

Brian Sipe
Larry Brown
Y A Tittle

Jim Rice
Dick Allen
Nellie Fox
Perishable

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NFL MVP          Baseball MVP
There are five Crowns which can be given to believers, found in the scriptures.

1. The incorruptible crown: 1 Cor. 9:24,25. This is also called the imperishable crown. This crown is given to believers who faithfully run the race, who crucify every selfish desire in the flesh and point men to Jesus.

2. The crown of rejoicing: 1 Thess. 2:19, 20. & Dan 12:3 To those who faithfully are witnesses to the saving grace of God and leads souls to Jesus. This crown has also been named the soul winner's crown.

3. The crown of life: James 1:12. For those believers who endure trials, tribulations, and severe suffering, even unto death Rev. 2:8-11. This crown is also referred to as the martyr's crown.

4. The crown of righteousness: 2 Tim. 4:8. To those who love the appearing of Christ, who anxiously wait and look forward to the day when He will return for His saints. This crown is given to those who have lived a good and righteous life for God while living down here on earth.

5. The crown of glory: 1 Pet. 5:1~4. This is the pastor's crown and will be given to the ministers who faithfully feed the flock of God. This probably could also include preachers, teachers, Sunday School teachers, missionaries and all those who teach the Word of God in their respective ministries.
“Well done good and faithful servant.”
Mt 25:21
“They lay their crowns before the throne and say: “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power...” Rev 4:9-10