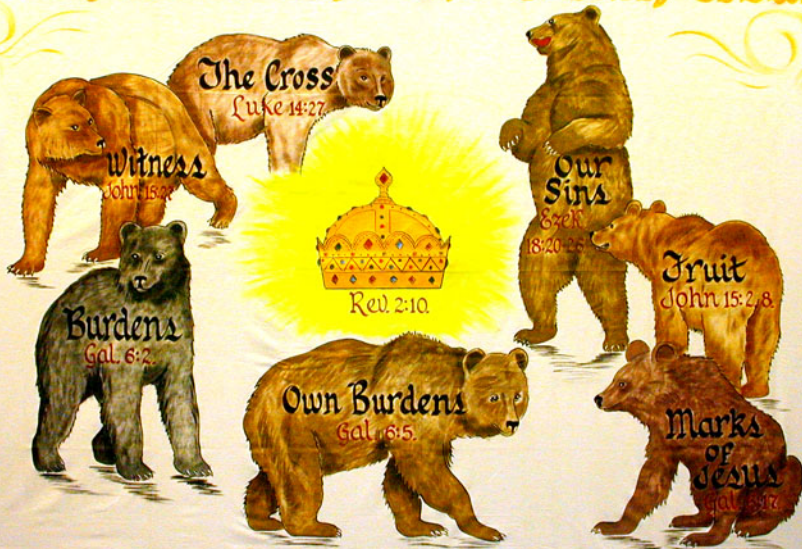


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INTRO: All of us have heard about Goldie Locks and the three bears. At this time I want to tell you about Seven Bears and the Golden Crown. All are certainly familiar with bears. This is a very interesting animal. All of us are awed by a crown. What a prize! Whether a crown of olive leaves proving victory or a crown denoting power and royalty, we are interested. Notice some crowns mentioned in the Bible.

1. Crown of Victory. (Earthly) 1 Cor. 9:25.
2. Crown of Mockery. (Jesus) John 19:5.
3. Crown of Achievement. Phil. 4:1.
4. Crown of Hope. James 1:12; Rev. 2:10.
5. Crown of Reward. (Victory) 2 Tim. 4:7-8.

### **I. BEAR THE CROSS. LUKE 14:27.**

Jesus bore His cross. John 19:17; Mark 15:21. The cross was more than a piece of timber. It was insults, slander, frowns of the world, and weak brethren. It is the same today.

### **II. BEAR WITNESS (GIVE TESTIMONY).**

- A. The Apostles. John 15:27; Acts 1:8.
- B. We must bear witness in our generation. 1 Cor. 2:1, 1:17; Mark 16:15:16.

### **III. BEAR BURDENS (OF OTHERS). GAL. 6:2.**

- A. Must help fellow Christians. Gal. 6:1.
- B. We must bear the infirmities of the weak. Rom. 15:1. Some are weak; we must bear with them, not delight in causing them trouble. Rom. 14:1; Isa. 35:3-4.

### **IV. BEAR OUR OWN BURDENS.**

- A. Because of Jesus, Paul suffered bodily.
- B. Each Christian is accountable to God. We shall carry our part. We reap accordingly. There are some things that no one can do for us.

### **V. BEAR THE MARKS OF JESUS.**

- A. Because of Jesus, Paul suffered bodily. Gal. 6:17.
- B. If need be, we must suffer bodily, also. The Christian will bear marks on his heart for the cause of Christ—marks of hurt, insults, lies, betrayed, and mistreatment.

### **VI. BEAR FRUIT. JOHN 15:2, 8.**

- A. What a beautiful family in Christ.
- B. Aged souls still bringing more to Christ.
- C. Young people are learning to be soul winners.

### **VII. BEAR OUR SINS.**

- A. Read Ezek. 18:20-26. We cannot place the blame on anyone for our sins. We are the ones guilty.

B. Unless we remain faithful none of our good will help in the judgment.  
We are accountable for our own lives. No one stands in our place.

CONCL: If we prove faithful in all the bearing, we shall receive the Crown of Life. Read 2 Tim. 4:7-8. What a glorious reward! The prize is worth the price.