



# How to Finish Well

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**Acts 20:1** And after the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples and when he had exhorted them and taken his leave of them, he departed to go to Macedonia.  
<sup>2</sup> And when he had gone through those districts and had given them much exhortation, he came to Greece.  
<sup>3</sup> And *there* he spent three months, and when a plot was formed against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he determined to return through Macedonia.  
<sup>4</sup> And he was accompanied by Sopater of Berea, *the son* of Pyrrhus; and by Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia.  
<sup>5</sup> But these had gone on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas.  
<sup>6</sup> And we sailed from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and came to them at Troas within five days; and there we stayed seven days.  
<sup>7</sup> And on the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to depart the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.  
<sup>8</sup> And there were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered together.  
<sup>9</sup> And there was a certain young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor, and was picked up dead.  
<sup>10</sup> But Paul went down and fell upon him and after embracing him, he said, "Do not be troubled, for his life is in him."  
<sup>11</sup> And when he had gone *back* up, and had broken the bread and eaten, he talked with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed.  
<sup>12</sup> And they took away the boy alive, and were greatly comforted.  
<sup>13</sup> But we, going ahead to the ship, set sail for Assos, intending from there to take Paul on board; for thus he had arranged it, intending himself to go by land.  
<sup>14</sup> And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and came to Mitylene.  
<sup>15</sup> And sailing from there, we arrived the following day opposite Chios; and the next day we crossed over to Samos; and the day following we came to Miletus.  
<sup>16</sup> For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus in order that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.  
<sup>17</sup> And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church.  
<sup>18</sup> And when they had come to him, he said to them,

1. Live an o\_\_\_\_\_ life

"You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time,

2. Serve focused on J \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>19</sup> serving the Lord

3. Practice h \_\_\_\_\_ and fortitude

with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews;

4. Share God's truth un \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>20</sup> how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable,

5. Minister publicly and in h \_\_\_\_\_

and teaching you publicly and from house to house,

6. W\_\_\_\_\_ enthusiastically

<sup>21</sup> solemnly testifying

7. Avoid p\_\_\_\_\_

to both Jews and Greeks

8. Emphasize the b\_\_\_\_\_

of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

9. Relentlessly pursue Jesus' w\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>22</sup> "And now, behold, bound in spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,

<sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.

10. Value o\_\_\_\_\_ over self

<sup>24</sup> "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may finish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.

**Philippians 3:10** ...that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

<sup>11</sup> in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained *it*, or have already become perfect, but I press on in order that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

<sup>13</sup> Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead,

<sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you;

<sup>16</sup> however, let us keep living by that same *standard* to which we have attained.

<sup>17</sup> Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

<sup>18</sup> For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* enemies of the cross of Christ,

<sup>19</sup> whose end is destruction, whose god is *their* appetite, and *whose* glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things.

<sup>20</sup> For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

**Luke 14:25** Now great multitudes were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them,

<sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

<sup>27</sup> "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

**2 Timothy 1:7**...God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me His prisoner; but join with *me* in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,

<sup>9</sup> who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

<sup>10</sup> but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

<sup>11</sup> for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.

<sup>12</sup> For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

**2 Timothy 2:3** Suffer hardship with *me*, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

<sup>4</sup> No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

<sup>5</sup> And also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules.

<sup>6</sup> The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops.

<sup>7</sup> Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel,

<sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God is not imprisoned.

<sup>10</sup> For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus *and* with *it* eternal glory.

**2 Timothy 4:1** I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

<sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

<sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires;

<sup>4</sup> and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths.

<sup>5</sup> But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

<sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

<sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

<sup>8</sup> in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.