

## **Finishing the Race**

### **The Purpose Driven Life - Part 9**

- P**rioritize the values that matter most, then evaluate my life and bring it into harmony with what I believe is important.
- U**nderstand how God has uniquely shaped me for a purpose.
- R**esolve to live the rest of my life fulfilling the purpose God made me for.
- P**rayerfully establish a life mission statement that expresses my values, s.h.a.p.e., and commitment to God's purpose for my life.
- O**rganize my time around my life mission.
- S**trengthen the skills, habits and relationships I'll need to sustain my mission over the long haul.

**Acts 20:24** "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace."

**II Timothy 4:7** "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

**Step 7: Endure difficulties by keeping focused on my goal and the reward, and trust God for the power to complete my mission.**

#### **How to Complete Your Mission**

**I Corinthians 9:24,26 (NLT)** "Remember that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize. You also must run in such a way that you will win. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. I am not like a boxer who misses his punches."

**1. Remove all \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Hebrews 12:1** "...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles us, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

#### **Two Things That Make You Stuck in Your Past**

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- \_\_\_\_\_

**Philippians 3:13-14 (NLT)** "No dear friends, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race..."

2. Remember the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

**II Corinthians 4:1** “Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.”

**II Corinthians 4:18** “So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

### Three Kinds of Motivation in Life

- \_\_\_\_\_ Motivation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Motivation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Motivation

3. Renew myself \_\_\_\_\_.

**II Corinthians 4:16** “Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”

4. Resist \_\_\_\_\_.

**Galatians 6:9** “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

**Hebrews 10:36** “You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what was promised.”

**Habakkuk 2:3 (NLT)** “But these things I plan won’t happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.”

5. Rely on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalms 139:7-10 (NLT)** “I can never escape from your spirit! I can never get away from your presence. If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go to the place of the dead, you are there. If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell in the farthest oceans, even there your strength will support me.”

**Philippians 1:6** “...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

**Acts 13:36** “For when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed.”