



## Finishing with No Regrets

2 Timothy 4:1–8 (HCSB)

*I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and because of His appearing and His kingdom: <sup>2</sup> Proclaim the message; persist in it whether convenient or not; rebuke, correct, and encourage with great patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear something new. <sup>4</sup> They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup> But as for you, be serious about everything, 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 for my departure is close. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> There is reserved for me in the future the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me, but to all those who have loved His appearing.*

1. **Live with the end in mind.** (2 Timothy 4:1)

- Correctly viewing judgement focuses you on your work and frees you from the expectations of others.

2. **Let your life be poured out.** (2 Timothy 4:6)

Philippians 2:17-18 (NIV)

*But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. <sup>18</sup> So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.*

- Regrets are drowned through “poured out” lives.

3. **Choose sides.** (2 Timothy 4:7)

Believers must learn how to fight like a victor, not a victim.

2 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

4. **Run your race.** (2 Timothy 4:7)

◇ Keep training. (2 Timothy 4:13)

◇ Lighten up. (Hebrews 12:1b)

◇ Hand off the baton. (2 Timothy 2:2)

◇ Don't DQ. (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

◇ Run through the tape.

5. **The crown is worth the cost.** (2 Timothy 4:8)

- The greatest regret for the believer is a failure to multiply.

Philippians 4:1 (NIV)

*Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!*