

FINISHING WELL IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

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1. An Eternal Perspective on the PRESENT (4:6)

(a) Paul viewed himself as a _____ (*spendomai*) being sacrificed for the Lord and the sake of others. (Num. 15:1-10; Phil. 2:16-17)

- *What does this figure of speech mean?*
- *How was Paul able to live this way? (Isa. 40:31; Rom. 6:4; 12:1; 2 Cor. 1:8-10; 4:11)*

(b) Paul knew that the appointed time for him to die had _____. (Ps. 139:16; Eccl. 3:1-2; Jas. 4:13-15)

2. An Eternal Perspective on the PAST (4:7)

(a) All three of Paul's statements in v7 are in the _____ tense and _____ mood, indicating that the results of these actions done in the past continued up to the _____.

(b) Paul had _____ (*agōnizomai*) like a _____ or _____ competing in the Olympic games. (1 Cor. 9:25; Col. 4:12)

- *How are we to fight or agonize? (Col. 1:29; 1 Tim. 4:10; Heb. 13:21)*
- *Is spiritual conflict inherently bad? (1 Tim. 1:18, 6:12)*
- *As believers in Christ, who do we fight against? (2 Tim. 2:26; Gal. 5:16-17; Eph. 6:12)*

(c) Paul had _____ the course laid out for him like a _____ runner in the Olympic games. (Acts 20:24; Heb. 12:1-3)

(d) In contrast to the spiritual apostasy of the last days described in 2 Timothy 2–4, Paul had remained faithful to the _____ (*tēn pistin*).

- *Does this phrase refer to the doctrines of the faith or to personal faith? (Matt. 23:23; Luke 18:8; Acts 3:16; 15:9; 16:5; Rom. 3:30; 4:14, 19-20; 10:17; 11:20; 12:6; 14:1; 1 Cor. 13:2; 2 Cor. 1:24; 4:13; Gal. 2:20; 3:14, 23,25-26; Eph. 3:17; 6:16; Phil. 1:25; 3:9; Col. 2:12; 1 Thess. 1:3; 2 Thess. 3:2; Heb. 4:2; 6:12; 11:39; Jas. 2:14, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26; 1 Peter 5:9)*

3. An Eternal Perspective on the FUTURE (4:8)

(a) As believers in Christ, we can be _____ that endurance in faithfulness will result in us receiving an eternal _____ from the Lord. (Matt. 16:23-27; Heb. 10:32-35; Jas. 1:12; 1 John 2:28; Rev. 2:8-10)

(b) Paul was expecting to receive the _____ (*stephanos*) of righteousness.

- *Who will receive this reward? (vv. 6-8; 1 Cor. 3:10-15; 4:1-5)*
- *When will this be given? (Luke 14:14; 2 Cor. 5:6-10; Rev. 19:8, 14)*
- *What other crowns are mentioned in the Bible? (1 Thess. 2:19; Phil. 4:1; Jas. 1:12, Rev. 2:10; 1 Peter 5:4)*
- *Will believers wear multiple crowns?*
- *Will there be degrees of reward? (Luke 19:11-27; Phil. 3:11; Heb.11:35; 2 John 7-8)*
- *How does all of this apply to us? (Rev. 4:4, 10)*