

Gold Medal Faith Requires Finishing Strong!

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2 Timothy 4:1-7

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2 Timothy 1:6, For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. **7** For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

2 Timothy 2:1, You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. **2** And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

2 Timothy 3:16, All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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

How Can We Finish Strong?

1) **PUSH: Remember Your Calling**

2 Timothy 4:1, In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

1 Peter 3:15, But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who

asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, **16** keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

2) **PACE: Don't Listen to the Wrong Voices**

2 Timothy 4:3, For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **4** They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

1 Timothy 6:20, Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, **21** which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.

2 Timothy 2:14, Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. **15** Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Philippians 1:15, It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. **16** The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. **17** The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.

3) POSITION: Find Your Place in the Race

2 Timothy 4:5, *But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.*

1 Corinthians 9:24, *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. **25** Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. **26** Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.*

4) POWER: Run Through the Finish Line

2 Timothy 4:6, *For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. **7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*

2 Timothy 4:8, *Now there is in store 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 longed for his appearing.*