

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible  
Current Book: 2 Timothy – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: 2 Timothy 4:6-8 – *ready to depart to be with Christ; an eternal perspective.*

Today's Message:  
"Finish Well"



## INTRODUCTION

Previously, we learned of a prophecy concerning our time that relates to the preaching of the word of God. The Holy Spirit said a time is coming when people will not endure sound doctrine, will turn away their ears from the truth, and will be turned unto fables. That time has arrived! Today, we near the end of Paul's last words with a very powerful reminder of his **LIFE** perspective. Now, we all need to take time to reflect on what is most important to us. In this short passage, we have **KEYS** to a faithful ministry and life. Every Christian should live in light of **ETERNITY**. This is God's message to you...

## LEARNING TOGETHER

### A. The Text 2 Timothy 4:6-8

#### #1. Departure Ready – Paul was ready to DIE and be with Jesus Christ.

##### FOR I AM NOW READY TO BE OFFERED

- ✓ He was **READY** to die. *John 3:3 (born again); Romans 5:1 (peace with God)*
- ✓ He was ready to die for **CHRIST**. *Acts 20: 24 (But none of these things move me)*  
*Examples – Jesus (Lk 22:42); Stephen (Acts 7:54-60); Daniel's 3 friends (Dan 3:17-18)*

##### THE TIME OF MY DEPARTURE IS AT HAND

- ✓ He would go the way of **ALL** the earth. *Hebrews 9:27*  
*Examples – Adam to Noah (Gen 5); Jacob (Gen 48:21); Joseph (Gen 50:24); Moses (Deut 31:14); Joshua (Josh 23:14); David (1Kings 2:2); Peter (2Pet 1:14-15)*
- ✓ He would be in a far **BETTER** place with his Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:23*

**NOTE** Paul had already died (or almost died) at least once! He was *ready* to depart.

#### #2. A Faithful Life – Paul had FINISHED the *course* that God had for his life.

##### I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT

- ✓ He had done what he was **TOLD** to do. *Acts 9:16 (how great things he must suffer)*
- ✓ He had done what he was **MADE** to do. *Galatians 1:15 (from my mother's womb)*
- ✓ He had done what he was **ABLE** to do. *Philippians 3:13-14 (this one thing I do)*

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- ✓ He had done what he had charged Timothy to do. **1Timothy 6:12**
- ✓ He KNEW that he had fought a good fight! **2Cor 12:15** (*gladly... be spent for you*)

**NOTE** Are you a hypocrite? Do you do what you say? Be faithful for God's glory!

### I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE

- ✓ He KNEW God had a *course* for his LIFE. **Acts 20:24** (*joy*); **Gal 2:8** (*the Gentiles*)  
*Examples – Luke 1:5, 8* (Zacharias); **Acts 13:25** (John); **Acts 13:36** (David)
- ✓ He was not going to QUIT until he had finished his God-given course!
- ✓ He KNEW when he had finished it! **Acts 24:16** (*conscience void of offense*)

**NOTE** Are you following God's course for your life? What is your next step of faith?

### I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH

- ✓ He had KEPT what God entrusted to him. **Colossians 1:25** (*given me for you*)
- ✓ He had KEPT what he had given to others. **2Tim 1:14; 1Tim 6:20** (*O, Timothy*)
- ✓ He had KEPT what *faithful believers* have kept! **Heb 12:1-3** (*so great a cloud*)
- ✓ He had KEPT what *faithful believers* are called to CONTEND for! **Jude 3** (*earnestly*)
- ✓ He had KEPT *the words* of His Lord Jesus Christ! **Lk 8:15; 11:28; Jn 17:6; Rev 3:8, 10**

**NOTE** He KNEW it! Have you? It is time to hold fast AND stand up, O Christian!!

## #3. An Eternal Perspective – Paul was eternally MINDED and looking forward!

### THERE IS LAID UP FOR ME A CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- ✓ All believers will be JUDGED at *the Judgment Seat of Christ*. **2Cor 5:10; Rom 14:10**
- ✓ It is a judgment for your SERVICE to Jesus Christ *after* salvation. **1Cor 3:8-15**
  - For your MOTIVE behind and QUALITY of service. **1Cor 10:31; 1Ths 2:4; Eph 6:6**
- ✓ The Bible says CROWNS will be rewarded. **Rev 4:10-11** (*cast their crowns*)
  - 1) **Crown of Righteousness** – given to ALL who *love* the APPEARING of Jesus Christ
  - 2) **Crown of Life** – the martyr's crown **Rev 2:10**; for enduring temptation **Jas 1:12**
  - 3) **Crown of Rejoicing** – the soul winner's crown **1Ths 2:19; Php 4:1; Pr 11:30; Lk 15:7**
  - 4) **Crown of Glory** – the shepherd's crown **1Pet 5:4**
  - 5) **Incorruptible Crown** – for temperance and moderation (your testimony) **1Cor 9:25**

**NOTE** Paul KNEW there was a crown laid up, waiting for him. Will you finish well?

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Do you LOVE His appearing (coming)?

*"Even so, come, Lord Jesus."  
Revelation 22:20*