

Live to Finish

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Big Idea: Live to finish faithfully.

Benefits of a plurality of elders

1. Strengthens
2. Protects
3. Sustains

I. Display Christ among all (vv. 18-19)

1 Corinthians 11:1 | Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

1. Put on humility

1 Peter 5:5-6 | 5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

2. Pursue with compassion
3. Persevere in trials

II. Declare Christ to all (vv. 20-21)

III. Treasure Christ above all (vv. 22-24)

1. Treasuring Christ helps us trust His plan
2. Treasuring Christ motivates us to finish faithfully

Philippians 1:21 | For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Philippians 3:7-8 | 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.

Benediction

2 Timothy 4:7-8 | 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth there is laid up 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 loved his appearing.