"Finish Strong" 2 Timothy 4:5-8

Sunday, October 16, 2022

1. Keep Living with Purpose (5)

A. "Your capacity to say 'no' will determine your capacity to say yes to greater things." E. Stanley Jones

B. "Lives with many aims are like water trickling through innumerable streams, none of which are wide enough or deep enough to float the merest cockleshell of a boat; but a life with one object is like a mighty river flowing between its banks, bearing to the ocean a multitude of ships, and spreading fertility on either side." Charles Spurgeon

C. (1 Co 9:24–27) ^{"24} Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. ²⁵ And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. ²⁶ Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified." NKJV

2. Keep in Mind the Process (6-7)

A. (2 Co 4:7) "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us." NKJV

B. (Ga 6:7–10) "⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." NKJV

3. Keep Your Eyes on the Prize (8)

A. (Re 4:10–11) "¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: ¹¹ "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."" NKJV