

# THE MENTALITY OF A FINISHER

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## #1 PERSEVERANCE

Scripture

James 1:12 NIV

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

Commentary:

Perseverance is crucial for finishing tasks and goals. It requires enduring hardships and remaining steadfast in faith. The promise of a reward highlights the importance of enduring through challenges.

## #2 FOCUS

Scripture:

Hebrews 12:1-2 NIV

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus.

Commentary:

Maintaining focus is essential for completion. By fixing our eyes on Jesus, we can avoid distractions and remain committed to our path. This discipline helps us stay aligned with our purpose.

## #3 DISCIPLINE

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 NIV

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. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training.

Commentary:

Discipline in our actions and choices shapes our ability to finish well. Just as athletes train rigorously, we must cultivate habits that support our goals, ensuring we're prepared for the challenges ahead.

## #4 FAITHFULNESS

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 4:2 NIV

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

Commentary:

Faithfulness involves being reliable and trustworthy in our commitments. It reflects our integrity and dedication to see things through to completion, demonstrating our alignment with God's purposes.

These disciplines intertwine to empower individuals to finish strong in their endeavors, rooted in faith and commitment.

