

HOW TO LIVE A LIFE WORTH LIVING

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I. INTRODUCTION: ARE YOU LIVING A LIFE WORTH LIVING?

2 Timothy 4:6-8 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 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.

II. LESSONS FROM PAUL'S LAST WORDS

2 Timothy 4:6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near.

Philippians 2:17 But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.

A. Spend your life on things that matter.

B. Live your life knowing you gave your all.

2 Timothy 4:6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near.

C. This life is preparation for the next life.

- **There is beauty and value to every season.**

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

1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

D. Victory does not come without a struggle.

- **To fight the good fight, you must fight the right fight.**

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

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.

Philippians 3:14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

- **Finishing is not perfection. Finishing is perseverance.**

Acts 20:24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

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

E. Hold on to what holds life together.

- **In a world that is losing faith, we are called to keep faith alive.**

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1 Corinthians 9:25 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.

- **What are you running for?**
- **What are you running from?**

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F. As followers of Jesus, we are never settled in this world.

Hebrews 12:1-3 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, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

- **Fix your eyes on Jesus.**

III. CONCLUSION/COMMUNION

1 Corinthians 11:27-29 So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

1 Corinthians 11:23-24 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

1 Corinthians 11:25-26 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.