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#### A. The Standard Of Faithful Living (3:10-12) **1.** Consistency in conduct (3:10) a. Steadfast in doctrine **Titus 2:1 b.** Steadfast in example **Philippians 3:17** 2. Courage in conflict (3:11) a. Confrontation with persecution Acts 14:19-20 **b.** Confidence in deliverance **Psalm 34:19**

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A. The Standard Of Faithful Living (3:10-12) – continued
3. Commitment in Christ (3:12)

a. Certainty of persecution
John 15:20
b. Confidence in eternal reward
Romans 8:18

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**B.** The Stamina Of Scriptural Wisdom (3:13-15) **1. Deception in the World (3:13)** a. The spread of evil **Matthew 24:24 b.** The danger of deception James 1:22 2. Doctrine in the Word (3:14) a. Continuation in the truth **Colossians 2:6-7 b.** The witness of the Word 2 Thessalonians 2:15

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B. The Stamina Of Scriptural Wisdom (3:13-15) – cont'd
3. Divine instruction of Scripture (3:15)

a. The power of the Scriptures
Romans 1:16
b. The preciousness of God's Word
Psalm 119:11

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C. The Sufficiency Of Sacred Scripture (3:16-17) **1. Source of Scripture (3:16)** a. Inspired by God 2 Peter 1:21 **b.** Invariable in God **Isaiah 40:8** 2. Sanction of Scripture (3:16b) a. Profitable for conviction **Titus 1:9 b.** Profitable for correction Hebrews 12:6

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C. The Sufficiency Of Sacred Scripture (3:16-17)
3. Sufficiency of Scripture (3:17)
a. Equipped for righteous living
2 Peter 1:3
b. Engaged in righteous living
Ephesians 4:13

## Finish Strong 2 Timothy 4:1-8

#### We Need To Live Focused On Eternity

#### 2 Timothy 4:1-2

- 1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;
- 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

- A. With purpose (4:1)
  - 1. From God
- 1 Timothy 4:14
- Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.
  - 2. For God
- 2 Timothy 1:6
- Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

B. With proclamation (4:2)
1. The content – the Word
a. Gospel

**Romans 10:17** 

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**b.** Growth

2 Timothy 3:16

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

**B.** With proclamation (4:2) - continued

- **2.** The commitment be instant
  - a. The priority
- 1 Corinthians 9:16
- For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!
  - **b.** The preparation
- 1 Peter 3:15
- But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and
- be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

### **B.** With proclamation (4:2) - continued

- **3.** The conditions
  - a. Patience
- 1 Thessalonians 5:14

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

#### **b.** Principle

**Titus 1:9** 

Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

A. When others are preoccupied with hearing what they what to hear (4:3-4)

**1. Because of lusts** 

2 Timothy 4:3

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

**Isaiah 30:10** 

Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:

- A. When others are preoccupied with hearing what they what to hear (4:3-4) continued
  - 2. Believing lies
- 2 Timothy 4:4
- And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.
- 1 Timothy 1:4
- Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

- **B.** And prevail (4:5)
- 2 Timothy 4:5
- But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.
  - 1. With prudence
    - a. In timeliness
- Matthew 25:13
- Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.
  - **b.** In temperament
- 1 Thessalonians 5:6
- Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

B. And prevail (4:5) - continued
2. With preparation

a. To endure

Ephesians 6:13
Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

- **B.** And prevail (4:5) continued
  - 2. With preparation
    - b. To evangelize
- **Romans 10:14-15**
- 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?
- 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

**B.** And prevail (4:5) - continued

- 2. With preparation
  - c. To exemplify

**1 Timothy 4:12** 

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

- A. Paul's perspective (4:6)
- 2 Timothy 4:6
- For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

A. Paul's perspective on death (4:6)

1. His death a sacrifice

Philippians 2:17

Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.

2. His death a gain Philippians 1:20-21

20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

- B. Paul's perspective on his life (4:7)
  2 Timothy 4:7
  I have fought a good fight. I have finished my contained for the second fight.
- I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

- B. Paul's perspective on his life (4:7)1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- 24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.
  25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.
  26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:
- 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

C. Paul's perspective on future promise (4:8) 2 Timothy 4:8

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

**James 1:12** 

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

#### How Are You Running Your Race?