

## HAVING A PERSISTENT EXPECTATION TO FINISH WELL.

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### Philippians 1:20-AMP

This is in keeping with my own eager desire and *persistent expectation and hope*, that *I shall not disgrace myself* nor *be put to shame in anything*; but that with the utmost freedom of speech and unflinching courage, now as always heretofore, *Christ (the Messiah) will be magnified and get glory and praise in this body of mine* and *be boldly exalted in my person*, whether through (by) life or through (by) death.

**Passion** - ...20 *No matter what, I will continue to hope and passionately cling to Christ, so that he will be openly revealed through me before everyone's eyes. So I will not be ashamed! In my life or in my death, Christ will be magnified in me.*

**Persistent** – *continuing firmly or obstinately in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition; continuing to exist or endure over a prolonged period...*

**Expectation** – *intense anticipation; a belief that something will happen, or that someone will or should achieve something.*

### 1. WE HAVE TO LIVE LIFE WELL IN ORDER TO FINISH WELL.

#### Ecclesiastes 7:8-NLT

*Finishing* is better than *starting...*

#### Romans 12:2-NLT

*Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you,* which is good and pleasing and perfect.

#### 1John 2:17-AMP

And the world passes away and disappears, and with it the forbidden cravings (the passionate desires, the lust) of it; *but he who does the will of God and carries out His purposes in his life abides (remains) forever.*

#### Philippians 3:14-ESV

*14 I press on toward the goal* for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

#### 2Corinthians 13:5-Message Bible

*5 Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith.* Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it.

#### Hebrews 12:12-13,15-TEV

*Lift up your tired hands, then, and strengthen your trembling knees! Keep walking on straight paths...Guard against turning back from the grace of God.*

### 2. TO FINISH WELL REQUIRES THAT YOU HAVE A PERSISTENT SPIRIT.

#### 1Corinthians 15:58-CJB

*58* So, my dear brothers, *stand firm and immovable, always doing the Lord's work as vigorously* as you can, knowing that united with the Lord *your efforts are not in vain.*

### 3. GOD HAS A DESIGNED PLAN FOR YOU...SO YOU CAN FINISH WELL.

#### Psalms 139:16-NLT

*15* You saw me *before I was born*. Every day of *my life was recorded in Your book.* Every moment was *laid out* before a single day had passed.

We live in a fallen world.

#### John 16:33-AMP

*33* I have told you these things, so that *in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence.* In the world *you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration;* but *be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]*

#### Hebrews 12:1-AMP

*...let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us,*  
*2* Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus,...

#### 2Timothy 4:7-NLT

*7* I have fought the good fight, *I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful.*