

2 Timothy 4:5-8 – Finish the Course

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I don't schedule who preaches which passage when. It does make me wonder who decided that when it is time to preach about the Pastor dying - it is my turn!

I. OUR CHARGE

A. Stand your watch **Standing watch in the Marines is guard duty. In the Army it is watching the barracks. In the Navy it is manning the deck of the ship. In the AF it means looking at your watch and saying "It's 4:30 PM, time to go home!"** I Corinthians 16:13-14 **Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity.**

1. Watch for the enemy I Peter 5:8 **Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.**
2. Watch in prayer Matthew 26:41 **Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**
 - a. Guard your heart Proverbs 4:23 **Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.**
 - b. Pray and do Nehemiah 4:9 **Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.**

B. Stand Fast I Corinthians 16:13-14 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity.

1. Stand in what you have learned II

Thessalonians 2:15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

2. Stand united Philippians 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.

C. Quit like men! I Corinthians 16:13-14 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity.

1. Not easy II Timothy 2:3-5

2. Patient enduring James 5:10-11 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

D. Full proof Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the

renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1. Do the work of an evangelist Romans 1:15-

16 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. II Corinthians 5:18-21

2. Proof of thy ministry Romans 12:6-8

II. OUR OFFERING II Timothy 4:6

A. Drink offering Numbers 28:7 And the drink offering thereof shall be the fourth part of an hin for the one lamb: in the holy place shalt thou cause the strong wine to be poured unto the LORD for a drink offering.

1. Represents Christ's

sacrifice Luke 22:20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed (poured out) for you.

2. Our willingness to sacrifice ourselves for others Philippians 2:17-18

3. Appreciating the sacrifice of others **Coffee on farm** II Samuel 23:16-17 And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD. And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in

jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.

B. Are you ready for your departure? Philippians 1:20-26

III.OUR FINISH II Timothy 4:7-8

A. Sports analogies

1. Boxing I Corinthians 9:26-27 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 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.
2. Wrestling Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. II Peter 3:16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.
3. Race Hebrews 12:1-2 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. I Corinthians 9:24-27

B. Finish well II Timothy 2:5

1. Victors crown(s) I Corinthians 3:11-15,
2. Well done Matthew 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Cast the crowns at His feet Revelation 4:10-11 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.