

Finishing Strong

2 Timothy 4:7

2 Tim 4:7 = Paul's Endurance—Why He Is Ready

C.T./L.T. = I have fought (AGWNIDZOMAI) the good fight, I have finished (TELEW) the course (DROMOS), I have kept (T8REW) the faith;

Summary:

1. Three perfect tenses describe Paul's life:
2. We are called to fight and finish faithfully.
3. The good fight.
4. What are the issues of the fight?
5. What Kind of Fight is It?
6. How Do We Fight?
7. Finish the Course: Stay in the Battle as our Lord did.
8. To Finish Your Course: (This is a Race to Fulfill Your Ministry)
9. Keep the Faith: Guard It. Faithful.
 - A. What Is Faith?
 - B. What Is "The" Faith?
 - 1). It begins with faith in God Mark 11:22
 - 2). Faith in God is focused on the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Tim 6:3
 - 3). Faith in Jesus Christ eternally saves us from the penalty of sin. Luke 7:50; Eph 2:8; Rom 3:21-23
 - 4). Faith in Jesus Christ Justifies. Rom 3-4
 - 5). Faith in Jesus Christ brings peace with God and the grace of life so that our Hope is built. Rom 5:1-2
 - 6). Faith in Jesus Christ Sanctifies Acts 26:16-18
 - 7). Faith in Jesus Christ becomes the life of a Righteous man. Rom 1:16-17
 - 8). Faith continued in Jesus Christ is the means of our Christian _____. 2 Cor 5:7
 - 9). Faith continued in Jesus Christ after salvation brings a filling of all the _____ of God. Eph 3:17-19
 - 10). Faith continued in Jesus Christ helps _____ the body. Eph 4:13
 - 11). Faith is our _____ against the enemy. Eph 6:16
 - 12). Faith is _____. 1 Thes 1:3
 - 13). Faith Is the foundation of _____. Matt 9:2; Acts 3:16

C. What About Faith?

- 1). Faith is to be part of the _____ of God's communicator.
1 Tim 1:5
- 2). Faith is more important to God than _____ obedience.
Matt 23:23
- 3). Faith may be great or small but it is all _____.
Matt 8:10; 17:20
- 4). Faith can be _____. Luke 17:5
- 5). Faith can _____. Luke 22:31-32
- 6). Faith can be _____. Acts 16:5

Bearing One Another's Burdens

1. Introduction:

- A. In the last days most people's love will grow cold, so helping other Believers will be less and less important. Matt 24:12-13
- B. This can come from a "me-first" attitude which is an outward growth of lukewarm Christians in the "Last Days." Rev 3:15-17
- C. In the "Last Days" people will become more critical of one another and which contributes to the fact that spiritual love will almost disappear. Jas 5:7-10
- D. As the world goes from bad to worse in the "Last Days" sin will become not just rampant but acceptable. 2 Tim 3:12-14 cf 3:1-11
- E. This indicates that the freedom received in Christ will be used as an opportunity for the flesh rather than an opportunity to serve others. Gal 5:1; 13-15

- F. Principles that were taught early in the Church Age will be neglected and almost forgotten. Gal 6:1-5

Gal 6:1 = Restoring One Who Has Abused Freedom.

C.T. = Brethren, even if a man (ANTHRWPOS) is caught (EAN + PROLAMBANW) in any trespass (EN + TIS + PARAPTWMA), you who are spiritual (PNEUMATIKOS), restore (KATARTIDZW) such a one in a spirit of selflessness (PRAUT8S); each one looking (SKOPEW) to yourself, lest you too may be tempted (PEIRADZW).

Summary:

- 1. In view is a person who has taken a false step, made a blunder, and fallen.
 - a. We are clearly called to forgive those who have transgressed. Matt 6:14-15; Mark 11:25
 - b. We are called to forgive them because Christ paid their debt for sin. Rom 4:25
 - c. Transgressions can deeply affect many people. Rom 5:15
 - d. Where there is transgression, there is grace. Rom 5:16-21
 - e. The reconciliation of the world to God through Christ, was so that our transgressions may not have an eternal cost. 2 Cor 5:19
 - f. The payment for our trespasses was Christ's _____. Eph 1:7
 - g. Our trespasses rendered us _____ dead. Eph 2:1
 - h. God's grace made us alive by faith when we were _____ in our trespasses. Eph 2:5; Col 2:13

2. The first requirement of helping someone is that you yourself be _____, which in this context indicates a walk of faith (3:1-5), winning the battle with the flesh (5:16-17) and production of the fruit of the Holy Spirit (5:22-23).
- a. Spirituality is needed to properly _____ the matter. 1 Cor 2:15
 - b. Spirituality is the _____ of restoration. 1 Cor 3:1
 - c. Spirituality must accept Scripture as _____. 1 Cor 14:36-37
 - d. None of us are yet in our spiritual body, so while we are seeking to help others we must realize this _____. 1 Cor 15:44-46
 - e. Our desire should be to see all of the Body of Christ as functioning parts of the spiritual house of the _____. 1 Pet 2:5
 - f. The caretaker should desire to see the _____ of spirituality back in the life of the trespasser. Eph 5:19; Col 3:16
 - g. Our prayers should be for the spiritual _____ of others. Col 1:9
 - h. Our struggle is a _____ battle and is not really against people. Eph 6:12