

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?
 - C. What About Faith?
 - D. Why Keep the Faith?
 - 1). It is part of the _____ . Matt 28:18-20
 - 2). It lets us truly _____ this life. John 8:51-55
 - 3). It is essential to _____ the Lord. John 14:15-24
 - 4). It is essential to an _____ relationship with the Lord. John 15:10
 - 5). God has kept our _____ inheritance for us. 1 Pet 1:3-5
 - 6). It is a _____ factor in our eternal blessings. Rev 2:26
 - 7). It is important to _____ prayer. 1 John 3:21-24
 - 8). It is essential to _____ alertness. Rev 3:3
 - 9). It is important to deliverance from _____ suffering. Rev 3:8-10
 - E. Keeping the Faith:
 - 1). Keep the _____ of the Holy Spirit within the Body. Eph 4:1-3
 - 2). Pray for One Another's enduring _____. 1 Thes 5:23
 - 3). Love God until Christ _____. 1 Tim 6:13-14
 - 4). Keep unstained by the world by caring for _____ and _____. Jas 1:27
 - 5). Do not set aside God's commandments to keep the traditions of _____. Mark 7:9
 - 6). Live as _____ lived. 1 John 2:3-6
 - 7). Believe that faith is the _____. 1 John 5:3-5
 - 8). Worship _____. Rev 22:7-9

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.
- 2. The first requirement of helping someone is that you yourself be spiritual, 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).
- 3. Our objective should be spiritual _____.
 - a. This involves a mending of the holes in one's _____ which can take some time. Matt 4:21
 - b. It involves a "weaving together" in one's soul the things that prepare one to _____ God. Matt 21:16
 - c. Helping others is part of our _____ to be like Christ. Matt 10:24
 - d. It comes from a desire to see the Body _____.
1 Cor 1:10; 2 Cor 13:11
 - e. It comes from a desire to _____ in time of need. 1 Thes 3:10
 - f. Remember that God is the Master _____. Heb 11:3

- g. Restoration is so we _____ His will, not simply feel better about things.
Heb 13:21**
- h. God is the one who _____ mends the net in our souls after we
have suffered for a little while. 1 Pet 5:10**

- 4. To help restore someone else _____ being selfless, meaning there are no
selfish motives or temptations.**

- 5. We must consistently take inventory of our own _____ so that we do not
fall into error. Luke 11:35**

 - a. We have to mentally consider that there will be those who do not desire to
see _____ relationships. Rom 16:17**
 - b. We must mentally consider hidden _____ in life. 2 Cor 4:18**
 - c. We have to consider the _____ of others. Php 2:4**
 - d. We need _____ to observe. Php 3:17**