

## **FINISHING STRONG**

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### **I Corinthians 9:24-25**

*"And He said to them, 'Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?'" Luke 2:49 (NKJV)*

*"...Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, He bowed his head and gave up his spirit." John 19:30 (NIV)*

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness..."*

*II Timothy 4:7-8 (NIV)*

## **FOUR COMMITMENTS FOR A STRONG FINISH**

### **1. COMMIT TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

*"...my food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work." John 3:34 (NASB)*

*"And remember, it is a message to obey, not just to listen to. If you don't obey, you are only fooling yourself." James 1:22 (NLT)*

#### **A PLAN FOR GROWTH... (S.O.A.P)**

**S - SCRIPTURE**

**O - OBSERVATION**

**A - APPLICATION**

**P - PRAYER**

*"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." II Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)*

### **2. COMMIT TO OTHER BELIEVERS.**

*"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of His coming back again is drawing near." Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)*

*"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)*

### **3. COMMIT TO GENEROSITY.**

*"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything your land produces. Then He will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with the finest wine." Proverbs 3:9-10 (NLT)*

*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. 'Test Me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.'" Malachi 3:9-10 (NIV)*

### **4. COMMIT TO SERVICE.**

*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." I Peter 4:10 (NIV)*

*"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." I Peter 3:15 (NIV)*