

HOW TO FINISH WELL

The Key to Hope
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"Let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us."
Hebrews 12:1 (NLT)

"I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful." 2 Timothy 4:7 (NLT)

THE SECRETS OF FINISHING WELL

2 Corinthians 4:2-18

1. REFUSE

"We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don't twist God's Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display."
2 Corinthians 4:2 (MSG)

"The integrity of the honest keeps them on track." Proverbs 11:3 (MSG)

2. RESOLVE

"Proud people will be ruined, but the humble will be honored."
Proverbs 18:12 (NCV)

"We carry this precious Message around in the unadorned clay pots of our ordinary lives. That's to prevent anyone from confusing God's incomparable power with us."
2 Corinthians 4:7 (MSG)

"Our message is not about ourselves. It is about Jesus Christ as the Lord. We are your servants for his sake." 2 Corinthians 4:5 (GW)

3. RENEW

"We often suffer, but we are never crushed. Even when we don't know what to do, we never give up. In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again." 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (CEV)

"That is why we are not discouraged. Though outwardly we are wearing out, inwardly we are renewed day by day." 2 Corinthians 4:16 (GW)

"You're my place of quiet retreat; I wait for your Word to renew me."
Psalm 119:114 (MSG)

4. REMAIN

"For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they will produce for us a great glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever."
2 Corinthians 4:17 (NLT)

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV)

"I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, and I have kept the faith. And now there is waiting for me the victory prize of being put right with God, which the Lord . . . will give me on that Day." 2 Timothy 4:7-8 (GNT)

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