

II Timothy 4:6-8  
Ending Well

Poured out (6) – ***Am I willing to give my life in service to Jesus? (II Corinthians 12:15)***

Drink offering (Philippians 2:17) – ***What a blessing to be used by God to bless others.***

Departure (II Peter 1:12-15) – ***Am I ready? Have I proclaimed Jesus to others? (Acts 20:26-27)***

Passing the test (7) – ***Does my life reflect Jesus? Has He been the priority in my life?***

Fought the good fight (I Tim. 1:18, 6:12 / II Tim. 1:14)

***Holding on to the truth and keeping my conscience clear.***

Finished the race (Hebrews 12:1)

***My race, what God has called me to. Not distracted by this world.***

Faith intact (I Tim. 4:1; 1:19-20 / II Tim. 1:15; 2:17-18a; 4:10)

***Not compromising His truth – staying connected to the vine (John 15:5-8)***

Promising future (8) – ***Entering His gates with thanksgiving in my heart (Psalm 100:4)***

Crown of righteousness – ***all crowns laid at His feet (Revelation 4:10-11)***

***Crown of life – for those who persevere (James 1:12 / Revelation 2:10)***

***Crown of rejoicing – for those who have shared their faith (I Thessalonians 1:19)***

***Crown of glory – for leaders who have served well (I Peter 5:5)***

Crowned by the Righteous Judge Himself (Hebrews 1:3 / II Peter 3:13)

***He is righteous – He gives us His righteousness – He rewards us for acts He does***

Coming to all who long for His appearing (Titus 2:13)

***Our blessed hope, when Jesus calls us to meet Him in the air***

Discussion questions for II Timothy 4:6-8

What should our lives look like if we are truly living for Christ and not ourselves? (II Corinthians 5:14-15 / I John 3:16-18) ***We would die to ourselves – living our lives for Him (His purpose, His pleasure, His will) His love would be on display in our lives – willing to give our lives for the sake of others. His character would be on display in our lives – the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)***

What brings us confidence to enter into His presence? Am I expecting to hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” Why or why not? (Matthew 25:14-30 / I Corinthians 3:11-15 / Hebrews 12:1-2 / I Peter 4:10-12) ***I am not ‘sitting’ on the resources and/or talents that He has entrusted to me, but rather I am investing them in His Kingdom for His glory. I am building His church with works that are keeping with His desire and purpose (that is His work done through me by the power of the Holy Spirit) I am running the race He has marked out for me, not pursuing my own goals and desires – living for the kingdom that is to come. I am using the gifts He has given me to serve others and build them up in the faith.***

Why do we long for the Second Coming of the Messiah? (Revelation 11:15 / Amos 5:18-20) ***While we do not look for the judgment (tribulation) that precedes His coming, we are looking for Jesus to make all things right in this world and establish His 1000 year reign on the earth.***

Why do we long for His Appearing (the Rapture)? John 14:1-3 / I Corinthians 15:51-52 / I Thessalonians 4:13-18 / Titus 2:13) ***He is coming to take us (His Bride) home to the Father’s house where He has prepared a place for us. We will be instantly changed from these corrupt, perishable bodies to our heavenly bodies, where we shall see Him as He is and be like Him (I John 3:2). We will have the greatest reunion ever, all of those who belong to Jesus meeting Him in the air, prior to the outpouring of His judgment upon this wicked world.***

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Philippians 2:17 “But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.”

Feast of Firstfruits (Leviticus 23)

Daily offerings (Numbers 28) – a quarter of a hin (about 1 quart) of aged wine

II Peter 1:12-15 “So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.”

I Timothy 1:18-19a “Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophesies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, holding on to faith and a good conscience.”

I Timothy 6:12 “Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”

II Timothy 1:14 “Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.”

Hebrews 12:1 “...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

I Timothy 4:1 “The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.”

I Timothy 1:19b-20 “Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith. Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.”

II Timothy 1:15 “You know that everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes.”

II Timothy 2:17-18a “Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, who have wandered from the truth.”

II Timothy 4:10 “for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me....”

Hebrews 1:8 “...Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.”

II Peter 3:13 “But in keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.”

Titus 2:13 “while we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.”