

Giving Our Best

2 Timothy 4:6-8

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

I. Giving our best to the Lord requires discipline.

I have fought the good fight. (v.7)

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The effort he put forth – he *fought*.

*Train yourself [discipline yourself] to be
godly (1 Tim.4:7)*

Fight the good fight of faith (1Tim.6:12).

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (Phil.2:12-13)

II. Giving our best to the Lord requires perseverance.

I have finished the race. (v.7)

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace. (Acts 20:24)

For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica (v.10).

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. (Col.1:21-23)

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Eph.2:10)

*Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a
harvest if we do not give up. (Gal.6:9)*

I will never leave you nor forsake you.
(Heb.13:5)

to will and to act according to his good purpose. (Phil.2:13)

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. (1 Cor.10:13)

III. Giving our best to the Lord will be rewarded.

I have kept the faith. (v.7)

Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. (v.8)

*I have fought the good fight. I have finished
the race. I have kept the faith.*