

How Will You Finish?

Paul's future plans (Acts 19:21-22)

- I. _____ churches (Why)
 - A. He wanted to _____ the believers
 - B. He wanted to gather an _____ for the church in Jerusalem (I Cor. 16:1-4)
- II. Return to _____
- III. Prepare for trip to _____
- IV. Involve others in his _____ (Acts 19:22)

Paul challenges Timothy to finish strong

- I. Challenge #1 - _____ the _____ (II Tim. 4:1-4)
 - A. Four steps to preaching the word (II Tim. 4:2)
 - 1. Be prepared - You need to be ready to share the Word at _____
 - 2. Correct - People need to understand the evil and dangers of their _____ actions
 - 3. Rebuke – People need to understand that their sin is bringing _____ to God
 - 4. Encourage – You need to persuade your fellow believers to _____ on and _____ to the end
 - B. The importance of preaching the word (II Tim. 4:3-4)
 - 1. People will _____ sound doctrine (II Tim. 4:3a)
 - 2. People will seek teaching that _____ their personal _____ (II Tim. 4:3b)
 - 3. As they listen to false teachers, they will turn from the truth of _____ (II Tim. 4:4)
- II. Challenge #2 – _____ the truth of God's Word (II Tim. 4:5)
 - A. Remain calm in the face of _____
 - B. Be ready to _____ persecution
 - C. Share the _____
 - D. Fulfill the work that God has _____ you to do
- III. Challenge #3 – Remain _____ to God and His _____ for you (II Tim. 4:6-7)
 - A. Stay in the _____
 - B. Stay focused on the right _____
 - C. Follow the _____ that God has laid out for you
 - D. Don't _____ the race _____
 - E. Anticipate the _____

Questions to Ponder

- I. Are you still in the _____ or have you _____?
- II. Do you have _____ people to run the race with?
- III. Are you _____ for God's future plans?
- IV. Are you letting God _____ you?
- V. Are you ready to make the needed _____ to fulfill God's plans?