

Colossians Complement #13 Looking at a Life Well-Lived (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

Colossians 3:23-25 encourages the believer with the character of the Savior we serve:

²³ And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴ **knowing** that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

²⁵ But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.

**Why did Paul talk about his own life in 2 Timothy 4:6-8?*

A. Looking at the reality of dying while serving the Lord (v6)

2 Timothy 4:6 – For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.

“poured out as a drink offering” (*spendō*)

- My life can be lived as a sacrifice (Romans 12:1)
- My life can be spent as a sacrifice (Philippians 2:23)

“departure” (*analsis*)



B. Looking back at a worthwhile life (v7)

2 Timothy 4:7 – I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

*Elements of a well-lived life with the Lord include:

- 1) _____ the struggle – “*fought the good fight*”

- 2) _____ in your race to the end – “*finished the race*”

- 3) _____ the Word of God – “*kept the faith*”

C. Looking ahead to the prize (v8)

2 Timothy 4:8 – Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

*Principles of endurance to fulfill your ministry:

- 1) When something of _____ value holds your attention, spiritual endurance has fuel.

- 2) Those who love Jesus Christ in this life will not be _____ when it is over.

Discussion Questions

1. Which verse stood out to you tonight? Why?
2. How would you describe a person who is ready to meet his Maker?
3. How can you pray for someone who is wasting their life?