

DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE

How to Make Your Life Count

Lesson Five • 2Timothy 4:6-8

A Life That Counts

A Tombstone View of My Life:

If you were to write the epitaph on your tombstone, what would it say?

The Triumphant Epitaph of a Life That Counted:

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
~Apostle Paul, 2Timothy 4:7 NKJV

A Life That Counts:

1. Keeps the FAITH!

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2Timothy 4:7 NKJV*

What Is the "Faith" We Are to Keep?

The "faith" is not faith in ourselves, or in any mere person—it is faith in JESUS CHRIST and His WORD.

How Is Keeping the Faith Like a Fight and a Race?

- Keeping the faith is HARD.

- Keeping the faith requires ENDURANCE to the end.
- Keeping the faith has OPPONENTS who want to defeat us.

2. Anticipates the REWARD!

*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.
2Timothy 4:8 NKJV*

What Is the Promised Reward?

It is the victor's "crown of RIGHTEOUSNESS."

3. Presents the SACRIFICE!

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

What Is the Sacrifice of a Life That Counts?

It is presenting your life as a "LIVING SACRIFICE" to the Lord.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:1 NKJV

Reflecting On Christ's Sacrifice through Communion:

Feel free to stand and walk toward one of the four tables throughout the auditorium to participate in Communion. You may also take the bread and cup back to your seat.

Who Should Participate in Communion?

Believers in Jesus Christ who are in authentic fellowship with God and one another are exhorted to participate in Communion based on the "examination of their heart" in 1Corinthians 11:27-29.