

Called to More--Strong Finish

2 Timothy 4

The Apostle Paul: *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.* 2 Timothy 4:7

For further study...

Read 2 Timothy 4:9-22

At the end of the Apostle Paul's life what three things is his life centered around? List Scriptures. *Hint: These three things have eternal significance*

#1 **The Lord.** See especially verses 17-18

#2 **The word of God.** 2 Timothy 4:13-- *When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.*

#3 **People, each of whom has an eternal soul.** *Seventeen individuals are mentioned in this short passage.*

From the same verses, what potential spiritual detours has he managed to avoid?

#1 **A Vengeful Spirit.** *Though greatly harmed Paul left vengeance to God. See vs. 14-15.*

#2 **A Bitter Spirit.** *The great Apostle was abandoned by his friends at his time of great need. Yet he was not bitter. See v. 16*

#3 **A Fearful Spirit.** *Facing death, he nevertheless continues to trust the Lord. See v. 18*

A question for you: *How would I compare my current life choices to those illustrated here?*

A question for you to ask God: *What are you speaking into my life from this Scripture? What do you want me to receive?*

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