

"Finishing Well" Joshua 14:6-14

Caleb was a man who finished his life well. What were the characteristics of his life that allowed him to do so? Can we set patterns in our lives that will allow us to finish well also?

Make every effort to come to me soon; **for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica**; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.
—2 Timothy 4:9-10

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future 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 4:7-8

Caleb:

I. Fears God Rather Than Men (14:6-8; Numbers 13-14).

II. Sees Opportunities Instead of Obstacles (14:12; Numbers 14:6-9).

"The motto of our generation is, 'Safety first.' Many are looking for a safe job in which they can feather their nest, secure their future, insure their lives, reduce all risks, and retire on a fat pension. There is nothing wrong with providing for your future, but this spirit pervades our lives until life becomes soft and padded and all adventure is gone. We are so thickly wrapped in cotton wool that we neither feel the pain of the world nor hear the Word of God."

—John Stott

III. Patiently Waits on God (14:9-10).

IV. Refuses to Stagnate (14:11-12).

Application:

Am I setting patterns for my life that will allow me to finish the race well?