# "THE JOY OF FINISHING WELL"

## II TIMOTHY 4:7-8

1. **THE APOSTLE PAUL KNEW THE SATISFACTION OF A LIFE WELL SPENT: HE HAD FINISHED A WINNER (4:7)**
   1. Illustrated In The Metaphor Of A Boxer: He Had Fought A Really Good Fight (4:7a)
   2. Illustrated In The Metaphor Of A Runner: He Completed His Marathon (4:7b)
   3. Illustrated In The Metaphor Of A Steward: He Had Guarded Well That Which Was Entrusted To Him (4:7c)
2. **THE APOSTLE PAUL KNEW THE JOY OF ANTICIPATION REGARDING THE REWARDS THAT AWAITED HIM (4:8)**
   1. Paul's Mind Was Now Completely On The Future: *"Henceforth"*
   2. Reward(s) Were Being Kept In Reserve For Him: *"There Is Laid Up For Me..."*
      1. There Would Be Several Possibilities For Rewards
      2. The Focus Here Is On The Ache In Paul's Heart For The Return Of Christ
   3. Christ Himself Would Personally Make An Official Presentation To Paul: *"Which The Lord, The Righteous Judge, Shall Give Me"*
   4. It Would Be Done At A Specific Time: *"At That Day"*
   5. Others Could Win The Same Prize: *"Not To Me Only, But Unto All Them Also That Love His Appearing"*