

I Have Finished My Course Warfare Along The Course

2 Timothy 4:6-8

Finished

- Completed a task to the fullest
- Gave it his all
- Performed it in an excellent Christ-like manner

In order to finish you must:

1. Have something to do
2. Get started
3. Maintain
4. Close it out or have it in a solid condition to carry on without you

My course is:

- A task given me by God
- According to God's will it is the **THING THAT MUST BE DONE**
- His will concerning my life
- The ministry of God I am called to work
- My God designated path
- Includes my purpose

We do not all have the same course, yet every course comes under God's single plan to redeem man.

Matthew 7:21-23. The only thing that matters in the end

So, finishing my course does not mean God is done.

Spiritual Warfare

- The enemy wants to prevent you from finishing
- So, the enemy looks to stop you at every phase

1 Peter 5:8

1. Have something to do
 - That comes under God's sovereignty
 - Faithfulness is the key
 - Be faithful and your course will come
- The enemy will work to dissuade you from being faithful

2. Get started

- First Preparation is required
 - Preparation is to begin before you are aware of your course
- a) Settle the Issues (Get rid of the weight)
- 1 Samuel 16:1
 - The way it is might be the way it always will be.
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- The enemy in turn wants to make you think you cannot make it in your present condition.
- b) Take Aim (make Jesus the centralized focus)
- Having cleared the way, now let Christ enter in
 - Matthew 6:19-24
- c) Get Instruction
- Preparation is not complete without instruction
 - Without instruction the best you can be is a poor imitation.
 - You do not know enough to go forward without instruction.
 - Acts 9:6,11-19 Paul had to get instructions
 - Acts 18:24-28 Apollos being taught needed to be taught again
 - Knowledge is not meant to smother your zeal.
 - Knowledge makes sure your zeal hits the mark.
 - Romans 10:1-3,21

You need to wait for guidance from those God has placed as your instructors. Those instructors are in the God ordained place.

One of the enemy's methods is to get you away from the God ordained place. The enemy does not need you physically gone.

If he can just get you to reject the godly counsel, he will be good with that. The adversary works to persuade you to reject godly counsel!

The enemy does not fight fair

He works through those you have emotional and deep ties to!

1 Kings 12:1-29

2 Samuel 13:1-6

Just because someone is close to you doesn't mean their counsel is godly. Do not be passive in mind.

- Godly counsel is not always pleasant (or favorable to your position).

- Instruction demands correction.
- Change is required to get you to the place you need to be.
- There is no favorable change without correction.
- Correction is an expression of love. In the absence of correction is the absence of a care.

Teaching: Instruction + Correction

- In the instruction there will be an assignment (not necessarily the course).
- Correction received enables you to move on (forward).

Godly counsel is not always from friends and is not always going to agree with you.
You must choose to receive godly counsel.

Jeremiah 42:1-9
Jeremiah 43:1-4
Jeremiah 42:9-22

You make the choice.

You eat the fruit.

Galatians 6:7-9

Wait on God and do not grow weary.

1 Peter 5:6-11