## Finish It!

Faithful unto deathou

## Warnings From Christ: Rev. 2/3

- > 7 Churches of Asia: "Be thou faithful unto death>>>"
- **Ephesus:** "You have left your 1st love: Repent
- Pergamum: "you hold fast to my name but...
  - ☐ Doctrine of Baalam/Nicolaitans: Repent
- Thyatira: I know your works of love, service, faith, patience
  - ☐ But...allow sexual immorality / idols : Repent
- Sardis—dead; Repent; A few have not stained their garments.
- Laodicea: Lukewarm; Be zealous and Repent!

# "I Have Fought the Good Fight"

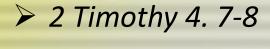
#### **□ War**: Battle

- 2 Tim.2.3: "must endure hardship..."
  - Discipline
  - Only the basics/not luxury
  - Teamwork
  - King going to war—first sit down
    - Luke 14.31—Consider ability
  - ✓ "...you must forsake all that you have or you cannot be a disciple of mine."

2 Tim.4.7



## "I Have Finished the Race"



- Marathon Race:
- Training/Conditioning/Discipline
- ☐ Don't Have to Win—Finish!
  - 2 Pet. 2.20-21—MUST Finish.
  - Dog/vomit
  - Pig / Dirty again
  - Lk.16:" Remember"
- Demas forsook Paul
  - Loved this present world



#### "See How the Farmer Waits..."

- ☐ James 5. 7.8—The Farmer
  - ✓ Waits for the precious fruit
  - ✓ Waits patiently for the rains
  - ✓ You be patient
  - 2Pet.3.9-13—The Lord will come!
    - "The Lord is not slack..."
    - "as a thief in the night..."
- □ Psa. 27.14: "Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!"



## "Whether He Has Enough to Finish"



#### **□** Builder:

- First sit down—count the cost
- Do you have enough to finish?
- Mocked if you quit
  - He/she was not able to finish the project!
- 2 Pet. 2.20-21: Better not even to start than to start and not finish! (Dog / Pig examples)

Lk.14.28-30

### Don't Live in the Past

➤ 1 Tim.4.12: "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

#### Lessons For Us:

- We miss Paul
- ☐ Timothy, you are too young...
- ☐ Brother Paul would have done it another way.
- Not helpful!
- Phil. 3.13-14: "Forgetting those things that are behind...I press on..."

## "Finally, There is Laid Up For Me"

- ➤ The crown of righteousness--
- "The Lord the Righteous Judge will give to me and to all who love His appearing."
- The Lord is faithful: (2 Tim.4. 17-18)
  - ☐ Will deliver us from every evil work
  - Preserve us for His heavenly kingdom
  - ☐ To Him be glory forever and ever!