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To pass it on, what must you do?

If we want to pass on something to the next generation, WE HAVE TO FINISH WELL, FINISH STRONG.

70 % of leaders do not finish well. In fact in the bible we see characters who started off really well but still did not finish strong.

2 TIMOTHY 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me- the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to His appearing.

Indeed, Christianity is not a walk in the park. In fact some say, Christianity is impossible. Impossible without grace. Grace is what helps us Christians to make it through our daily battles and trials in life. Grace teaches us to deny sin. It teaches us that it is possible to live out God's call and live as God wants us to be. Even if we face all kinds of troubles, as promised. The whole purpose of all the pain is to be what God wants us to be. Even if there are times we do not understand what is going on...

THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS OF GOD WE WILL NEVER DISCOVER, EXCEPT THROUGH OBEDIENCE.

HOW TO FINISH WELL?

PROGRESS

We must progress until we become what God wants us to be. A leader is a learner, we need to change. **A HUMBLE HEART WANTS TO KEEP GROWING.** Never assume you know everything because that's when progress stops. The moment you stop you are in for a fall.

2 PETER 3:18

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

GROW here is a command, not an option. Grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus. The moment you stand still, you are ready to fall. God loves us so much that He does not want us to remain who we are.

PRIORITY

PHILIPPIANS 3:13

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.

The ONE THING differentiated as the most important is KNOWING JESUS. Having an intimate relationship with the father is what we really need. Sometimes our hands are full of junk. We are so busy doing things that God does not want us to do and we end up empty.

We should learn to prioritize. If you have God, You have everything, without Him you have nothing.

There are so many things in life that you can delegate, but there are certain things in life you can never delegate like being a husband/wife, a mother/ father or parents. Family is our most important ministry after GOD. Even if we become so successful about many things and even in Ministry, if we fail in our family, everything else follows.

Even health should be part of our priorities. How could you have the ability to do the demands of this life? How can you enjoy the blessings that God has prepared for you if your health is deteriorating. Even sleep and rest must be part of your total well being. We need it to be able to finish strong.

PAST

Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. **LET GO OF THE PAST.**

Most Christians as paralyzed not only by failure but as well as past victories. What one must do is to LEARN from the past, but do not let it paralyzed you. You cannot insist on doing or living the past because the Lord is doing a new thing everyday.

Sadly, looking at the past makes a Christian CYNICAL. When a person is cynical, you do not believe in people anymore. You are not willing to trust anymore, but that is not the will of God. Be willing to let go.

There is a huge importance with not looking behind:
EVERYTIME YOU LOOK BACK, YOU LOSE.

PERSEVERE

PHILIPPIANS 3:14

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Always run to Jesus, no matter what happens, run nearer to God and never farther away from Him. Press on means continue doing something in a determined way, often despite problems. Whatever is holding you back, lay it aside. Lay aside every encumbrances and fix your eyes on JESUS.



- 1. Why is it important to pass on something?**
- 2. What are the things in your life that is making you slow down or even stop?**
- 3. How was your lifestyle, what are your priorities?**
- 4. How do you plan to finish strong?**