

# **"THE JOY OF FINISHING WELL"**

## **II TIMOTHY 4:7-8**

### **I. THE APOSTLE PAUL KNEW THE SATISFACTION OF A LIFE WELL SPENT: HE HAD FINISHED A WINNER (4:7)**

- A. Illustrated In The Metaphor Of A Boxer: He Had Fought A Really Good Fight (4:7a)
- B. Illustrated In The Metaphor Of A Runner: He Completed His Marathon (4:7b)
- C. Illustrated In The Metaphor Of A Steward: He Had Guarded Well That Which Was Entrusted To Him (4:7c)

### **II. THE APOSTLE PAUL KNEW THE JOY OF ANTICIPATION REGARDING THE REWARDS THAT AWAITED HIM (4:8)**

- A. Paul's Mind Was Now Completely On The Future: *"Henceforth"*
- B. 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
- C. Christ Himself Would Personally Make An Official Presentation To Paul: *"Which The Lord, The Righteous Judge, Shall Give Me"*
- D. It Would Be Done At A Specific Time: *"At That Day"*
- E. Others Could Win The Same Prize: *"Not To Me Only, But Unto All Them Also That Love His Appearing"*