

LIVING.HOPE.

Part 14: A Faithful Finish Part 2

1 Peter 5:8-11

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1. To finish well, there must be careful PREPARATION (v.8a)

- Good DECISIONS today will lead to a HEALTHIER tomorrow.
- The best DEFENSE is a good OFFENSE.

2. To finish well, there must be clear IDENTIFICATION (v.8b)

a) We must KNOW our ENEMY:

- RULER OF THIS WORLD (John 14:30)
- PRINCE OF DEMONS (Luke 11:15)
- ADVERSARY (Matt. 4:1)

b) We must RECOGNIZE his TACTICS

- DECEIVER (2 Cor. 11:14)
- TEMPTER (Matt.4:3)
- ACCUSER (Rev. 12:10)

3. To finish well, there must be consistent EXECUTION (v.9)

- FIGHT for the TRUTH
- Gain SUPPORT from OTHERS

4. To finish well, there must be a firm FOUNDATION (v.10)