

HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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On Guard! Protecting My Relationship With God #15

"A Race Worth Running"

2 Timothy 4:1-8

2 Timothy 4:1 (NIV) *In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:*

The "Charge":

1. _____

2 Timothy 4:2 (NIV) *Preach the Word;*

2. _____

2 Timothy 4:2 (NIV) *Be prepared in season and out of season;*

1 Peter 5:8 (NIV) *Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

3. _____

2 Timothy 4:2-5 (NIV) *Correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.*

4. _____

2 Timothy 4:6 (NIV) *For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure.*

Philippians 1:23 (NIV) *I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far.*

Romans 8:28 (NIV) *We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

Philippians 1:21 (NIV) *For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.*

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV) *Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

5. _____

2 Timothy 4:7 (NIV) *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*

Ephesians 6:13-17

Romans 8:37 (NIV) *In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

Acts 20:24 (NIV) *If only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given to me...*

6. _____

2 Timothy 4:8 (NIV) *Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.*

September Memory Verse - 2 Timothy 4:7-8 (NIV) ⁷ *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness.*