

## Passing the Baton, a Study of 2 Timothy – Lesson 20

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*For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. **7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; **8** in the future there is laid up 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 loved His appearing.*

2 Timothy 4:6-8

### Day 1 Verse 6

*For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. –2 Timothy 4:6*

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1. What does “For I am” contrast?
2. What does it mean to be poured out like a drink offering?
3. Where else does Paul use “poured out like a drink offering”?

4. Find an example in Scripture of a drink offering. What was its purpose?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What is Paul referring to with the metaphors of a drink offering and the time of his departure?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How was this imprisonment different from Philippians 1:19; 2:24?
  - a. How does Paul's response in Philippians 1:23 help us to see his heart about impending death?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What truths would have helped Paul not to respond in an ungodly way to his impending death? See 1 Cor 15:53-55; Philippians 3:21; and 2 Peter 1:14.

## Day 2 Verse 7

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; --2*  
Timothy 4:7

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1. What 3 things does Paul declare in verse 7?
  - a. How does Paul's statement in verse seven that he had fought the good fight, finished the course, and kept the faith, connect back to 1:3?
  
2. "Have fought" is from the verb agōnizomai. What English word do you see in this word and what does this tell you about Paul's life and our life?
  - a. Where else does Paul use, "fought the good fight"? What does this verse tell you about Timothy's charge?
  
3. What do these verses tell us about the word agōnizomai?
  - a. 1 Corinthians 9:25 (translated competes in NASB)





4. How would this verse have brought Timothy comfort?

### **Heart-Check**

1. If you were to face death today, could you echo Paul's words and say that you have fought the good fight, you have finished the course, you have kept the faith? If so, thank God for His mercy and grace that has enabled you to do so. If not, what is keeping you from being able to do so? What changes do you need to make so that you can say this?
2. Paul had been long ready to meet his Savior. What Scripture can prepare you for the moment you will see Christ?
3. How can Paul's words be an encouragement to you?

4. Paul, like Jonathan Edwards, lived without regret. On the internet, pull up Jonathan Edwards' Resolutions. How does Resolution 6, 17, and 19 help you to be resolved to live and die well?

#### **Day 4 Verse 8**

*in the future there is laid up 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 loved His appearing.* --2 Timothy 4:8

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1. What is Paul's attitude towards death?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What do these verses tell us await us at the end of this life?
  - a. 2 Cor. 5:10
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. 1 Peter 1:4
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Rev. 21:4
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What do these verses tell us about what kind of crown awaits us?
  - a. James 1:12





c. Matthew 16:27

d. Hebrews 11:6

2. What is “that day”?

3. Who will be rewarded?

a. What is the motivation for our reward?

4. We have already seen our great reward. What is awaiting those who reject Christ? Use Scripture to support your answer.

5. What does it mean to “love His appearing”?

## Heart-Check

1. Do you often think of your future reward? How can this help you run well?
2. What is the motivation for your faithfulness?
3. Do you love His appearing?
4. Do you warn other who do not love His appearing?

### Dig Deeper:

Read through Jonathan Edwards' 70 Resolutions for faithful living. Pray and/or make notes on how to strive for greater faithfulness in your devotion and love to Christ.