

Can You Finish Your Course?

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If you are committed to obeying the Lord no matter what He asks of you, He has put you on a course. You have been appointed and anointed to do something special for the Lord. Most of the courses God puts you on are lifetime events. Some things He assigns you to do will have a short time span but they are all part of your main course. We always view our course from a spiritual perspective but rarely consider the physical aspect. We cannot run our course if our bodies are racked with disease and pain. The Apostle Paul was given a thorn in the flesh because God put him on a course to impart revelations.

Acts 20:24 None of these things move me, neither do I count my life dear to myself, so I can finish my course with joy.

Paul relied on his Lord to protect and heal him of every demonic attack. No matter what the devil threw at Paul, God would heal him and restore him. One day Paul was stoned to death and his disciples prayed for him and he got up and walked to a nearby city. The rock chuckers were very experienced stoners and they knew they had to crush Paul's skull in order to kill

him. Paul walked to Derbe and preached the next day. No devil could shake Paul off his course.

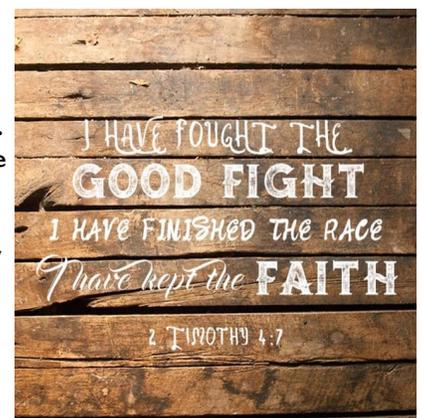
If you have submitted to the course God has set before you, two things will happen. First of all, the devil will unleash all the hell he can into your life. He will turn people against you. People who once were your friends will seemingly overnight begin to oppose you for no apparent reason. The second thing to happen is an increase in God's supernatural power. The Lord will not leave you to fend for yourself, it is important to Him that you finish your course. You can expect divine intervention and the favor of God.

2Timothy 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

Paul was given a course so he had to fight the good fight of faith in order to finish his course. What was his course? He had to convince the Jews and Gentiles that both camps would be saved by grace and baptized with the Holy Spirit. The twelve original apostles got into a dispute over

the idea of the Gentiles receiving salvation. God had to supernaturally teach Paul and Peter His will. Paul did everything God gave him to do, he knew that his time here on the earth was coming to an end. He would not permit the devil to harm him until he finished what he was called to do.

Because Paul was steadfast in his resolve to finish his course all of us are in the Kingdom of God and filled with His Spirit. If Paul would have died before he finished his course God would have raised up another man. God is going to have His witness in the earth. There are not enough devils in the world who can stop Him. God has given me the vision of restoring God's supernatural power back to the local church. I am not God's first choice. I know of at least five other pastors who had the vision.



Stedfastness

If you remind yourself every day that He has made a place for you in heaven, you will maintain your stedfastness in Him.

When the Lord calls a man into relationship with Him, He intends for that union to be forever. A lot of Christians endure for a season but when affliction or persecution arises for the Word's sake they turn away. The Christians in our camp are called "charismatics". Based on their longevity Jerry Savelle calls them "cruiseamatics". Why do so many people lose interest in God and what He has done for them? I believe the reason is that some folks do not take the time needed to really get to know their Savior.

Mathew 11:25 Father I thank You because You have hid these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes.

The wise and the prudent are people who keep God in the mental realm. They never seem

with the Lord is superficial. It never probes the depth of His willing Spirit. So when adversity or temptation come they have no foundation to rest upon and so they don't know what God will do. They don't bother to contact Him.

In the other camp we have the babes. These are people who don't demand any physical evidence from God. They perceive and believe Him based on His Word. They form a lasting relationship based solely on His Word. When adversity or affliction comes they use praise to gather themselves into the presence of their Lord. They know that nothing can separate them from the love of their Lord. The babies in Christ can scarcely be discouraged because they live in the continual presence of their Lord and Savior.

1 Corinthians 15:58 Be stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

This is sweet music to a babe in Christ but to the wise and prudent it is a labor intensified. All things work to the good for those who love the

Lord. Nothing we do in line with obedience is ever a waste of time. Some folks see no value in worshipping the Lord or giving Him His tithe. Others live just to please Him, they are stedfast and beam with the joy of living in His presence. You cannot discourage a stedfast Christian, they intimately know their Lord and what He has promised to do. The wise and prudent need constant attention, someone has to continually talk them into staying with God.

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Colossians 3:15 Let the peace of God rule in your spirit, to which also you are called in one body; and be thankful.

What are we to be thankful for? For Jesus dying on the cross for us and taking our place in hell! If you lose sight of what He has done you will begin to slip away from Him. If you remind yourself every day that He has made a place for you in heaven, you will maintain your stedfastness in Him.

to make spiritual contact. All the God they know is what they can perceive with their five physical senses. Their relationship



The demon of Compromise

I know a lot of good Christian folks who were excited about their relationship with Jesus. As time wore on they lost that lovin' feelin' and they became lukewarm. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is not always excited about the Lord, even after the Lord heals it! Just because you leave the devil's camp and join yourself to Jesus doesn't mean the devil ceases to attempt to draw you back to himself. The devil counts it a greater victory when he can come between a believer and the Lord. This is greater to him than holding fast to a sinner who has never known Christ.

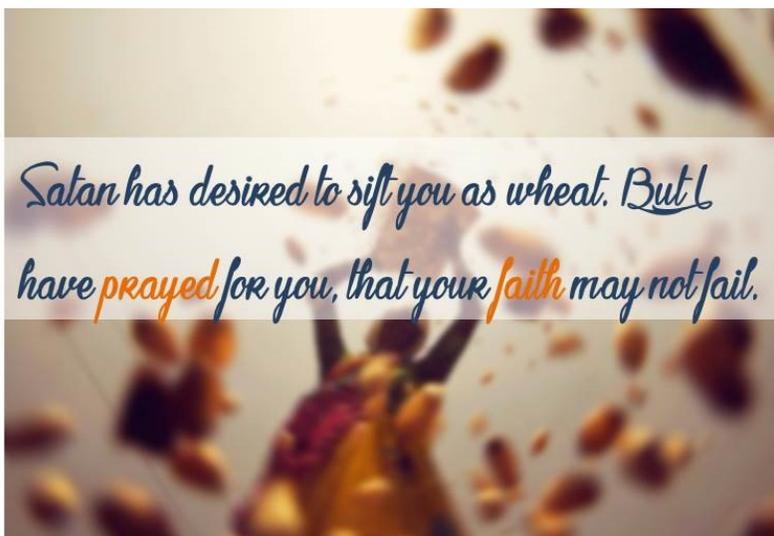
2 John 1:8 Look to yourself that you lose not those things which you have gained, but that you receive a full reward.

While you're on fire for Jesus you are accumulating the rewards of faithfulness. But when you compromise you put your rewards in jeopardy. When we all get to heaven God will reward every person according to his or her faithfulness. The compromisers will have no such rewards. God loves everyone in heaven equally and everyone will share His glory, however, the faithful ones will be known by everyone. If the only thing God ever told you to do is take out the trash and you do it, you will get a full reward.

Luke 22:31 The Lord said

Simon, Simon, behold, satan has desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I prayed for you that your faith fail not.

The devil was targeting Christ's number one man and Jesus knew it. He did two things, He prayed for Peter



and He warned him. The same thing He does for all of us. The same night that Jesus spoke this, Peter denied knowing Him three times and then the "gospel chicken" crowed. The devil sifted Peter. Peter compromised and wept in his grief. Thank God Peter felt the shame and repented. I know a lot good Christians who have justified their lukewarm condition.

Hebrews 10: 38-39 The just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul will have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition (damnation, hell) but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

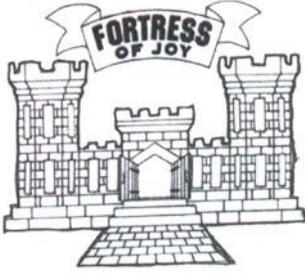
Compromise can be deadly. It can come between us and our redemption. Compromise doesn't just happen, it comes in slowly and continues to beckon us away from the security of our salvation. At anytime during this process we can oppose it and return to the safety of God's love. The devil has appointed a large

number of folks who he ordained to minister compromise to the willing.

2 Timothy 4:3 The time has come where they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts they will heap to themselves teachers having itching ears.

No matter what anyone wants to compromise, the devil has a teacher who will accommodate them. Religion is the epitome of fake news and the fan base is growing daily. You can always find a "minister" who will bless your compromise, your error.

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restoring the supernatural power of
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Restoring the Supernatural

After the Lord gave me the vision of restoring the supernatural power of God back to the local church, He gave me the steps. For three years after He gave me the vision He had me teaching on the subject of holiness. I really thought I had missed God because I wanted to better understand the power of God. People began to question me. How will we restore the supernatural power of God? Then one day the Lord caused me to understand His plan.

2Timothy 2:21 If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special vessel for honorable use. Your life will be clean and you will be ready for the Master to use for every good work.

We had the faith to believe God would perform His Word. We just needed to offer Him a clean vessel. Now what is the spiritual condition of the church at large today? Compromise seems to be the order of the day. Preachers are prone to pleasing men and their lusts more than God and His will.

Some churches have compromised so much they don't have enough power to get people saved and they don't even try. They are blessing same-sex marriages and some are ordaining homosexuals. We are called "haters" but we are thriving in the love and acceptance of God.

