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- **2 Timothy 4:6-8** - 6 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 race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth 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.

Six Barriers to Finishing Well

1. Finances – Use and Abuse
2. Power – Abuse of Authority and Power
3. Pride
4. Sexual Immorality
5. Family
6. Plateauing

Finances – Use and Abuse

- **Proverbs 22:7** - 7 The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

Finances – Use and Abuse

- **Ecclesiastes 5:10** - 10 He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.

Finances – Use and Abuse

Proper Attitude Towards Wealth

- **Proverbs 13:11** - 11 Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it.
- **Hebrews 13:5** - 5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Power – Abuse of Power and Authority

- **Deuteronomy 24:14** - 14 “You shall not oppress a hired worker who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your brothers or one of the sojourners who are in your land within your towns.”

Power – Abuse of Power and Authority Christian Leadership

- **Mark 10:42-44** - 42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

Pride

- **Proverbs 11:2** - 2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.
- **Proverbs 16:18** - 18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

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Humble Yourself Before the Lord

- **James 4:10** - 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.
- **Proverbs 29:23** - 23 One's pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.

Sexual Immorality

- **2 Samuel 11:2-5** - 2 It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. 3 And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, “Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?” 4 So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. 5 And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, “I am pregnant.”

Flee from Sexual Immorality

- **Genesis 39:11** - 11 But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, 12 she caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me.” But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house.
- **1 Corinthians 6:18** - 18 Flee from sexual immorality.

Family

- **Ephesians 5:22-23** - 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.
- **Ephesians 5:25** - 25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...
- **Ephesians 6:1** - Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Plateauing

- **Proverbs 9:9** - 9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
- **Proverbs 18:15** - 15 An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

Plateauing

Consequences of Not Growing Spiritually

- **John 15:1-2** - “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

5 Ways to Enhance Finishing Well

1. **Perspective** – Lifetime perspective of your faith and relationship with God.
2. **Renewal** – Special moments of intimacy with God.
3. **Discipline** – Practicing the Spiritual Disciplines of Prayer and Studying Scripture
4. **Learning** – Continuing to grow in knowledge and wisdom in the Lord. Praying for opportunities to grow in faith and service.
5. **Accountability** – have close relationships with others that encourage you to remain true to your faith and hold you accountable for mistakes.

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- **1 Corinthians 9:24-27** - 24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.