

Series Title:

“Passing the Torch of Truth”
(An Exposition of the Book of II Timothy)

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Sermon Title:

“Living In The Shadow Of Death”
(Part 3)

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Sermon Text:

II Timothy 4:6-8

Introduction:

“With the finish line of his life and ministry well in sight, in fewer than 75 words, Paul sums up his impending death, his dynamic life, and his eternal hope.”

- I. Paul Looked Courageously At The Present (4:6)
- II. Paul Looked Contentedly At The Past (4:7)
- III. Paul Looked _____ At The _____ (4:8)

- ***Personal rewards are a _____ God-ordained _____ for Christian living and serving!***

“Rewards are not given to us so that we can keep them and carry them around with us throughout all eternity. They are given to us so that ultimately we can cast them before His throne.”

- ***Revelation 4:4; I Timothy 6:18-19; Matthew 5:11-12; 6:4, 6, 18, 19-21; Hebrews 11:6; II John 1:8; II Corinthians 4:17-18***

Looking at the _____ puts the _____ in the right _____!

A. It will be a _____ reward (v. 8a)

- What is the meaning of the word translated **“henceforth”**?
- The Greek verb that is translated **“laid up”** refers to *that which is _____, _____, and _____!*
- ***Colossians 1:5; Matthew 6:20; Philippians 3:14***

B. It will be a _____ reward (v. 8b)

- The word translated **“crown”** is a word that simply means *“to _____”* or *“to _____.”*
- ***II Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 12:1; I Corinthians 9:25***

➤ There are five specific crowns for believers mentioned in the Bible:

1. The _____ Crown (I Corinthians 9:25)
2. The Crown of _____ (I Thessalonians 2:19-20)
3. The Crown of _____ (James 1:12)
4. The Crown of _____ (I Peter 5:2-4)
5. The Crown of _____ (II Timothy 4:8)

➤ ***Because the only source of righteousness is Christ Himself, it is the righteousness of Christ that is both the _____ and the _____ of the crown!***

“We’re talking about the very righteousness of Jesus Christ one day being eternally granted in full and absolute perfection to every single glorified believer!”

➤ What does it mean to “love His appearing”?

➤ ***Who or what you are looking for _____ will determine what or who you are living for _____!***

C. **It will be a _____ reward** (v. 8c)

➤ The picture here is not so much of a _____ on a judicial bench but of an _____ or _____ at the athletic games.

“Paul pictures himself as a victorious Greek athlete who, having won his race, is now looking up to the judge’s stand, awaiting his laurel wreath of victory.”

➤ What is the meaning of the phrase “will award”?

➤ The phrase “on that day” almost certainly refers to the _____.
(II Corinthians 5:10)

Conclusion:

***Finishing well doesn’t happen by accident – our present
_____ determine our future _____!***

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.