

## STAYING THE COURSE

### Skills For A Significant Life - Part 9 of 9

*“I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me...”*  
Acts 20:24

*“I have finished the race.”* 2 Tim. 4:7

*“Run in such a way as to get the prize.”* 1 Cor 9:24

### HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR MISSION

#### 1. REMOVE ALL DISTRACTIONS

*“Let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back... and let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us.”* Heb. 12:1 (LB)

*“Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race...”* Ph. 3:13-14 (LB)

#### 2. REMEMBER THE REASON AND THE REWARD

*“God in His mercy has given us this work to do, so we don’t become discouraged.”*  
2 Cor. 4:1 (GN)

*“To win the contest you must deny yourselves many things that would keep you from doing your best... but we do it for a heavenly reward that never disappears. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step.”* 1 Cor. 9:25-26 (LB)

*“We fix our attention, not on what is seen, but on things that are unseen.”* 2 Cor. 4:18 (GN)

#### 3. RENEW MYSELF DAILY

*“For this reason we do not become discouraged... our spiritual being is renewed day by day.”* 2 Cor. 4:16 (GN)

*“Lord, when doubts fill my mind, when my heart is in turmoil, quiet me and give me renewed hope and cheer.”* Ps. 94:19 (LB)

#### 4. RESIST DISCOURAGEMENT

*“Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t get discouraged and give up.”*  
Gal. 6:9 (LB)

*“You need to keep on patiently doing God’s will if you want Him to do for you all that He has promised.”* Heb. 10:36 (LB)

God: *“These things I plan won’t happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!”* Heb. 2:3 (LB)

#### 5. RELY ON GOD’S PROMISES

*“This is my work, and I can do it only because Christ’s mighty energy is at work within me.”* Col. 1:29 (LB)

*“... Are you called to help others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies so God will be glorified...”* 1 Pet. 4:11 (LB)

*“God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in His grace until His task within you is finally finished...”* Phil 1:6 (LB)

*“David served God’s purpose in his generation, then he died.”*  
Acts 13:36