



Finish: Winning is Everything!

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Text: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

Passage Summary: As we seek to fulfill the Great Commission in view of the return of Christ, there is a sense in which _____ is _____!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that with regard to the disciple making process, if you want to win _____, you have to be _____! (3:6-18)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to being winsome, it involves...

- Clear _____! (v.6)

Remember: When it comes to being winsome, take a page from Paul’s playbook by “_____ forth the truth _____”, for when we do, “we commend ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.” (2 Corinthians 4:2)

- Growing _____! (v.7-10)

See that a winsome example for Christ involves a commitment to...

_____ what you _____! (v.7-8a)

Work _____! (v.8b)

Lay _____ your _____! (v.9)

“If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? If others have this right of support from you, shouldn’t we have it all the more? But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.”

1 Corinthians 9:11-12

Be _____ in your _____! (v.10)

“Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.”

1 Timothy 4:15

Remember: When it comes to being winsome, there is no substitute for our example, for as it has been said, we _____ what we know, but we _____ who we are!

- Loving _____! (v.11-16)

“Idleness is fertile ground in which the devil can sow seeds.”

John Walvoord

“They had time on their hands and gossip on their lips and they defended themselves by saying, ‘the Lord is coming.’”

Warren Wiersbe

Remember: When it comes to being winsome, there is a place for _____ in the body of Christ when the goal is _____ a fellow believer to repentance and restoration in Christ!

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine that in view of the coming return of Christ, that by the grace of God, you will finish, recognizing the importance of being mindful of the _____, but not at the expense of the _____!

“And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right.”

2 Thessalonians 3:13

“For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store 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 longed for his appearing.”

2 Timothy 4:6-8