



SERMON NOTES
FINISHING WELL

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JOHN 6:60-71 (NLT)

⁶⁰Many of his disciples said, "This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?" ⁶¹Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining, so he said to them, "Does this offend you?" ⁶²Then what will you think if you see the Son of Man ascend to heaven again? ⁶³The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But some of you do not believe me." (For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn't believe, and he knew who would betray him.) ⁶⁵Then he said, "That is why I said that people can't come to me unless the Father gives them to me." ⁶⁶At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. ⁶⁷Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, "Are you also going to leave?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. ⁶⁹We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God." ⁷⁰Then Jesus said, "I chose the twelve of you, but one is a devil." ⁷¹He was speaking of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, one of the Twelve, who would later betray him.

HOW TO FINISH WELL:

I. IF YOU WANT TO FINISH WELL YOU HAVE TO WORK HARD AT UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE!

VERSE 60 (NLT)

Many of his disciples said, "This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?"

2 PETER 1:5-8 (NIV)

⁵For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 TIMOTHY 2:15 (NLT)

Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

1 PETER 3:15b-16a (NLT)

¹⁵...if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. ¹⁶But do this in a gentle and respectful way...

II. IF YOU WANT TO FINISH WELL DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES!

VERSE 61 (NLT)

Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining, so he said to them, "Does this offend you?"

JAMES 1:19 (NLT)

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

1. Always be eager to listen to what the Bible says!

JAMES 1:19a (NLT)

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen...

MATTHEW 4:4b (NIV)

'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

2. Always be careful when you speak about what the Bible says!

JAMES 1:19a (NLT)

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak...

JAMES 3:1 (NLT)

Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly.

3. Always be aware of the conflict between your flesh and what the Bible teaches!

JAMES 1:19 (NLT)

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

ADDITIONAL NOTES
