

# How to Finish Well

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## I. Introduction.

A. Genesis 13, Luke 9:23.

B. We are concerned with denying ourselves not our things.

## II. To end the Christian life well we must start well.

A. If you have not started your Christian life you should start now.

B. There is no way that you can live the Christian life without Christ in you.

C. A couple of things to keep in mind.

### 1. Riches.

a. In an affluent society you have an opportunity for more sin than in a poor society.

b. The love of money is a root of evil. (1 Timothy 6:10)

c. You must start off and keep well.

d. Riches come in and rob us of time.

### 2. Confession.

a. If there is a problem on your heart of sin, confess it to God and men. (1 John)

b. We are to keep short accounts.

c. The only thing necessary to work together is love.

D. We all make a choice - Mary chose to hunger after Jesus which was better than Martha chose.

1. We are not to judge according to the sight of our eyes. (John 7:24, Isaiah 11:2, 1 Samuel 16:7)

2. The city of Sodom was advanced, but it was a city of idols.

3. Sodom is a picture of sin - we look towards it, move towards it, and move into it.

4. Abraham was set apart by his righteousness - God expects a man of God. (Genesis 18:19)

5. Lot lost his family with the city. (2 Peter 2:8)

6. We reap what we sew. (Galatians 6:7-8, Job 4:8)

E. To end well you must start off well and remain that way.

1. Life is not easy. (John 21)

2. We want to go out in a blaze of glory.

### **Application questions**

1. How is Sodom a picture of sin?

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2. How did Lot picture the Christian who does not start well and what does it look like in your life to be a strong starter?

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3. What accounts do you need to clean up? Make a list of people you have harmed and consider making amends as long as it would not harm the other person.

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