

Finishing Well

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I. Introduction.

II. Need does not determine the will of God. (Luke 5:15)

- A. Jesus did not let the demands of others determine His actions.
- B. Prayer determines the will of God, not need.

III. Leave room for space in relationships.

- A. We do not have unlimited emotional resources.
- B. Jesus was not emotionally dependent upon other's response for His own well-being. (Luke 24:28)

IV. Operate within a margin.

- A. Do not go through life in passing gear.
- B. Jesus walked everywhere He went to accomplish God's will—you do not see Him running.

V. Whom you associate with is as important as what you believe. (Proverbs 13:20)

VI. The longer you live the more time you need alone with the Lord, and if married, with your wife. (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Application questions:

1. Which tip for finishing well stood out to you? What struck you?

2. What does it mean to operate within a margin?

3. Why is it important to recognize one's inability to have a close relationship with everyone? Explain.
