

Finishing Well, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: II Corinthians 2:11.
- B. Satan has five tools to impact believers.
- C. Two extremes are to be avoided.
 - 1. A devil in every bush syndrome.
 - 2. Ignoring the power of Satan today.

II. Doubt. (Genesis 3)

- A. Satan plants a seed of doubt concerning God's Word.
- B. God has revealed Himself and takes His word very seriously. (Hebrews 1:1)
- C. The bottom line of human experience is the character of God.
- D. God's word and grace are inseparable.

III. Division. (I Corinthians 1:10)

- A. This is not mindless conformity.
- B. This has to do with basic doctrine for which we die.
- C. God is overjoyed with us. (Zephaniah 3:17)
- D. The reason that God let Satan do what he did to Job was to demonstrate His moral right to omnipotence.

IV. Discouragement. (Genesis 4:6-7)

- A. God wants authenticity with this matter.
- B. One of the potential dangers of corporate worship is that there can be a lack of authenticity.
- C. Not all anger is bad, but all anger needs to be resolved.

V. Diversion. (II Timothy 2:3-4)

A. Jesus' work was redemption and discipleship, and He finished the work. (John 17:4; 19)

B. We must invest our life on training and impacting men.

C. Jesus walked, and so should we. We need to focus on being as much as doing.

VI. Deadening effects of sin.

A. Delilah wore Samson down.

B. Steps of sin. (Joshua 4:20-21)

1. Saw.

2. Coveted.

3. Took

4. Hid.

C. Busy Christians are hiding from God in activities.

D. Purpose in your heart not to sin and find accountability. (Daniel 1:8)

Application questions:

1. Which of Satan's attack threaten you the most?

2. Why is it important to understand the extreme responses to the work of Satan?

3. Which activities tend to keep you from your relationship with Christ the most? How can you limit these?
