

***FINISHING
WELL***



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- I. **WHAT** does it mean to finish well?
- II. **WHY** must we finish well?
- III. **HOW** do we finish well?

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- Our names are in the Book of Life
(Luke 10:20; Revelation 20:12, 15)
- **1 Corinthians 1:30** But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and **sanctification** and redemption

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I. **WHAT** does it mean to finish well?

To finish well is our sanctification—
our discipleship journey

This requires time, effort, energy, discipline,
intentionality, determination, etc.

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I. **WHAT** does it mean to finish well?

- We finish the race marked out for us (Hebrews 12:1)
- We keep the faith (Luke 18:8)
- We do not fall away from God (Jude 24)
- We make our calling and election sure (2 Peter 1:10)

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I. **WHAT** does it mean to finish well?

- We do not cast away our confidence (Hebrews 10:35)
- We endure to the end (Hebrews 10:36-39)
- We are overcomers (Revelation 2-3)
- The fruit of our lives are either gold, silver or precious stones (1 Corinthians 3:12)

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2 Corinthians 5:9-11

9 So we **make it our goal to please Him**, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 10 For we must all appear before the **judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may receive what is due him **for the things done while in the body**, whether **good or bad**.

There is a **Day of Accountability** for every believer



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II. **WHY** must we finish well?

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

10 ... But **let each one take heed how he builds on it.**

11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with **gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,**



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1 Corinthians 3:10-15

13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be **revealed by fire**; and the **fire will test each one's work**, of what sort it is.

14 If anyone's work which he has built on it **endures**, he will receive a **reward**.

15 If anyone's work is **burned**, he will **suffer loss**; but **he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire**.



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II. **WHY** must we finish well?

1 Corinthians 3:10-15: our living depicted as:

- **gold, silver, precious stones** or **wood, hay, straw**
- fire to test: **survive = reward**; **burned = losses**
- **sowing & reaping**; **choices & consequences**



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2 Corinthians 5:11 knowing, therefore,
the **terror of the Lord**, we **persuade** men ...

Revelation 1:4



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1 Corinthians 9:26-27 (Run-fight to finish well)

26 Therefore I **run thus: not with uncertainty.**

Thus I **fight: not as one who beats the air.**

27 But I **discipline my body and bring it into subjection**, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become **disqualified.**



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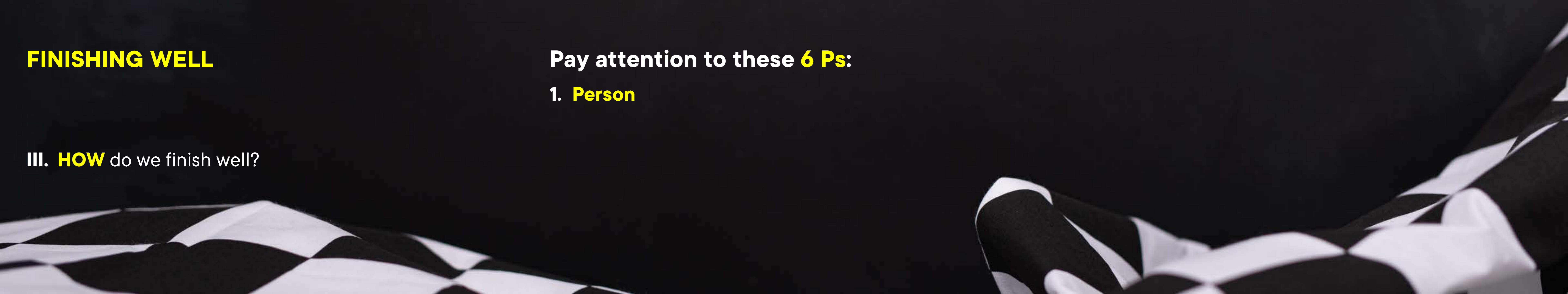
1. **Person**
2. **Purpose**
3. **People**
4. **Possessions**
5. **Priorities**
6. **Perseverance**

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Pay attention to these **6 Ps**:

1. **Our person - our being**

Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to **be conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.



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III. **HOW** do we finish well?

Pay attention to these **6 Ps**:

1. **Our person - our being**

Three aspects:

- our **character**
- our **baggage**
- take care of our **whole being**

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Hebrews 12:1 ... let us throw off everything that hinders and **the sin that so easily entangles**, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

**Sin nature-self-life vs
the Christ-life in us (Character)**

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The sin that so easily entangles

95% of the problems in our lives and the Church have nothing to do with God or the devil!

They are due to us living from our **carnal self-life/from our sinful nature** instead of living a life of Christlikeness.

The sin that so easily entangles

Philippians 1:21 **For to me, to live is Christ,**
and to die is gain.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is
no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**;
and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by faith**
in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself
for me.



Luke 9:23 Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him **deny himself**, and **take up his cross daily**, and **follow Me.**”

- **Deny** our self-life
- Take up our own **cross daily**
- **Follow** Jesus



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Personal Baggage

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Personal Baggage

- **Unhealed** hurts – wounds
- **Unmet** needs
- **Unresolved** issues
- Certain **relationships**
- Certain **activities**
- **Worries**
- **Wrongs**



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1. **Our person - our being**

Three aspects:

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1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NIV)

May God Himself, the God of Peace
sanctify you through and through.

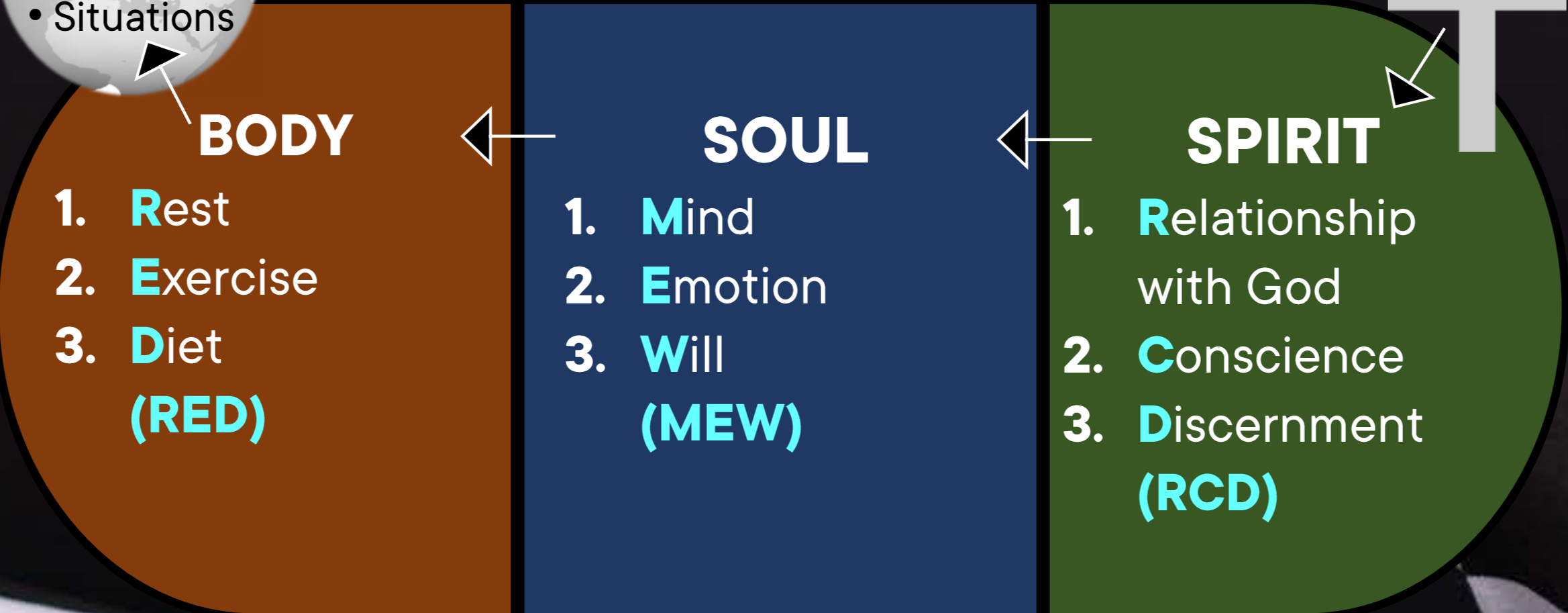
May your **whole spirit, soul** and **body**

be **kept blameless at
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**



Take care of our **whole being:**

1 Thessalonians 5:23



✓ Take care of our **body**

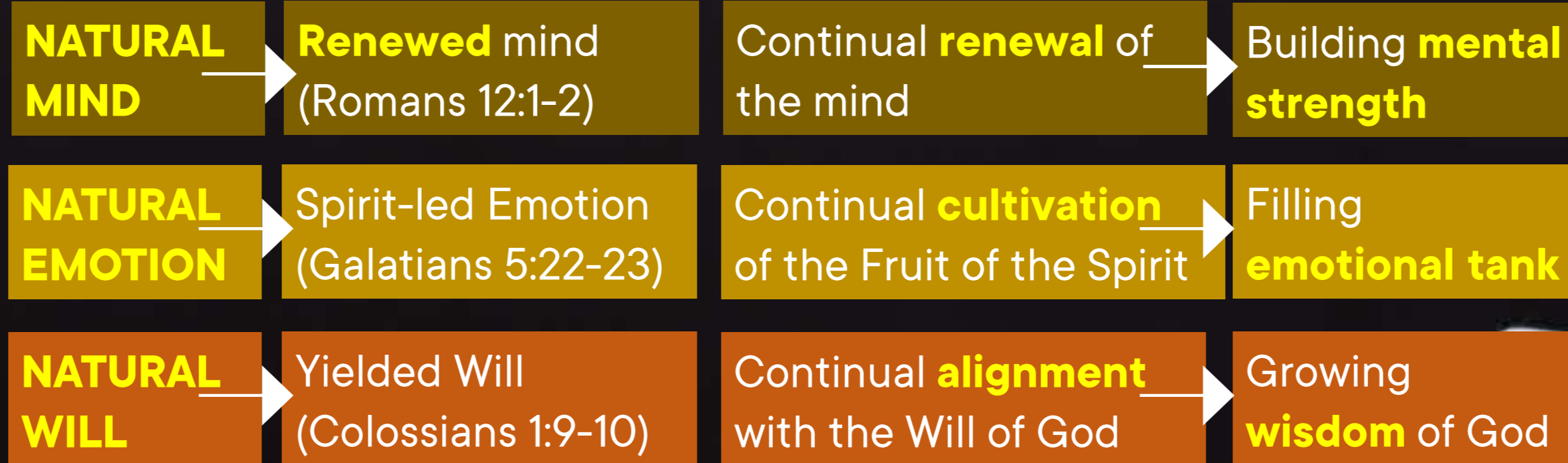
BODY

1. **R**est
2. **E**xercise
3. **D**iet
(RED)

- protection from injuries/infections/inflammations/infirmities
- divine doctor appointments
- accurate diagnosis
- correct treatments

3 John 2; Proverbs 3:8, 4:22; Romans 8:11

✓ Take care of our **soul (mind-emotion-will)**



✓ Take care of our **spirit-man**

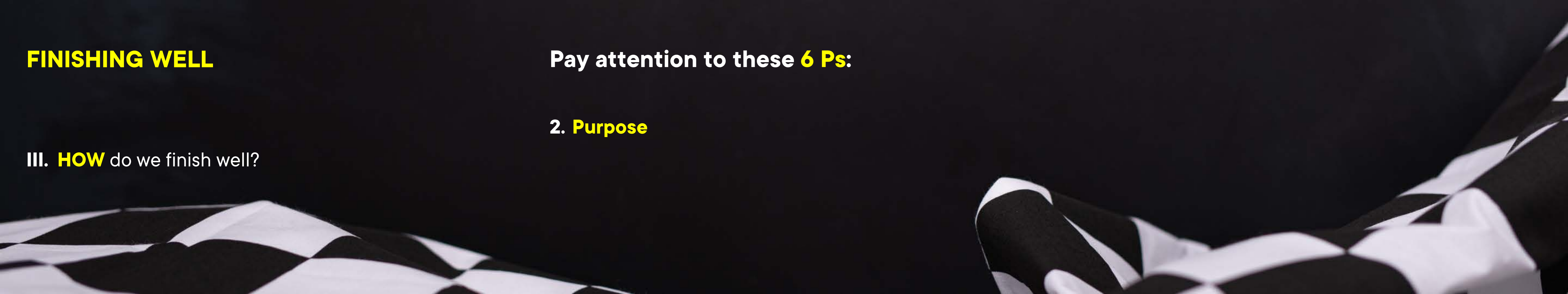


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Pay attention to these **6 Ps**:

2. **Purpose**





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2. **Our purpose - our living**

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for **good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.



To fulfill the **good works** God preordained for us to do

- In our **roles and responsibilities** in life
- As **salt and light** where we **live** and **work**
- As **ambassadors** of Christ
- To **make disciples** (turn lives Godward)
- As effective **priests and kings**

Pay attention to these 6 Ps:

2. Our purpose - our living



To fulfill the **good works** God preordained for us to do

- **Instruct** effectively
- **Impact** greatly
- **Influence** wisely
- **Inspire** creatively

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2. Our purpose - our living

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Pay attention to these **6 Ps**:

3. **People**: pay attention to **relationships**

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- Some people are more important than other people
- Get away from people who subtract and divide your life
(1 Corinthians 15:33)
- Be with people who value-add to your life (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- For people you are ministering to, you value-add to them
- Keep company with godly and wise people (Proverbs 13:20)
- We are not the Holy Spirit – cannot solve everyone's problems

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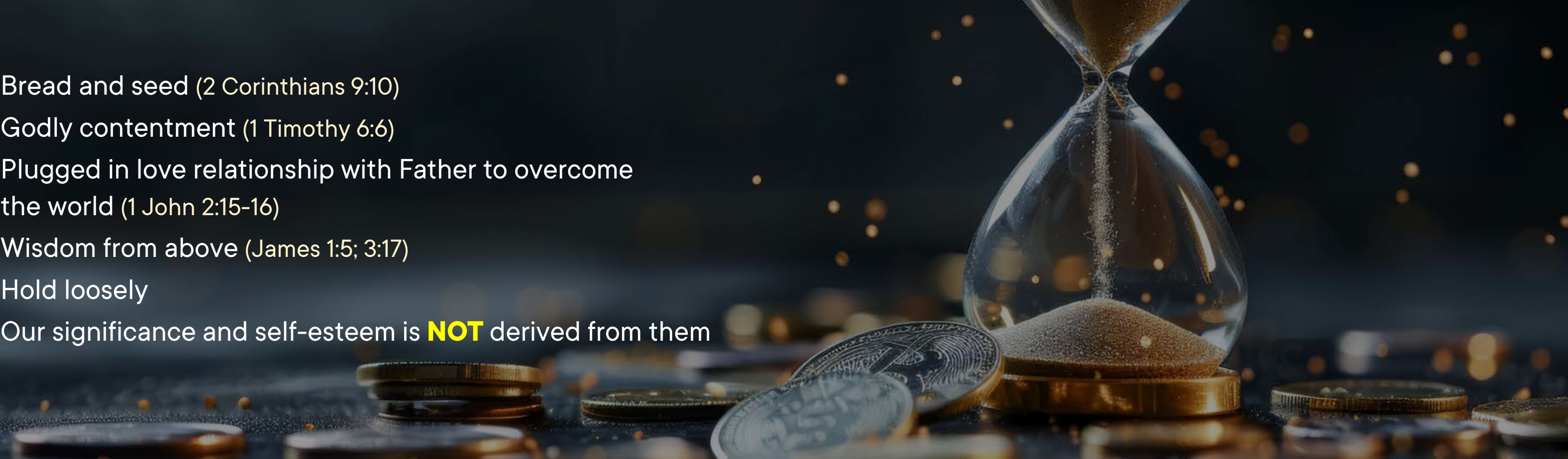
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4. **Possessions**: Stewardship of **money, time** and **resources**

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- Bread and seed (2 Corinthians 9:10)
- Godly contentment (1 Timothy 6:6)
- Plugged in love relationship with Father to overcome the world (1 John 2:15-16)
- Wisdom from above (James 1:5; 3:17)
- Hold loosely
- Our significance and self-esteem is **NOT** derived from them



4. Possessions: Stewardship of **money, time** and **resources**

- We can only give of what we have (Acts 3:6)
- Be a faithful steward of our possessions--wealth
- Decide to invest in Kingdom causes
- Give to ministries with most Gospel-centered impact from supporting missionaries, funding outreach and care for the poor
- Acknowledge God as the source of all our possessions—wealth
- Be spiritually rich



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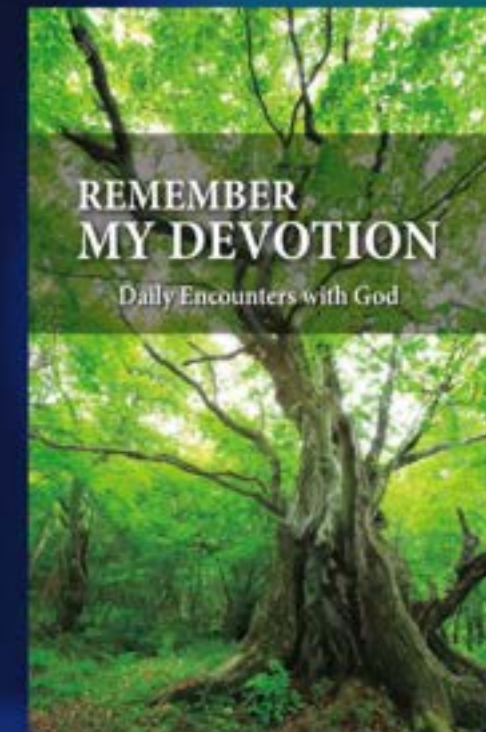
5. **Priorities**



- This has to do with our **commitment** to the things that matter most to us
- The importance of **values**
- The issue of making **time and effort** towards them
- Understanding **times and seasons**
- Managing **energy** levels

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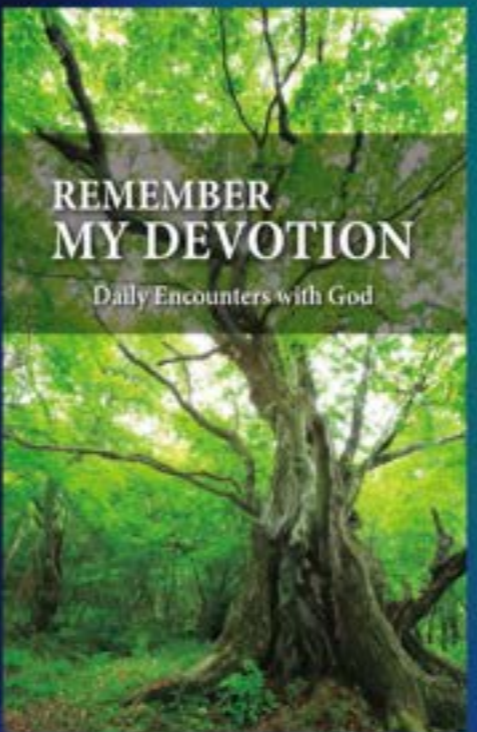
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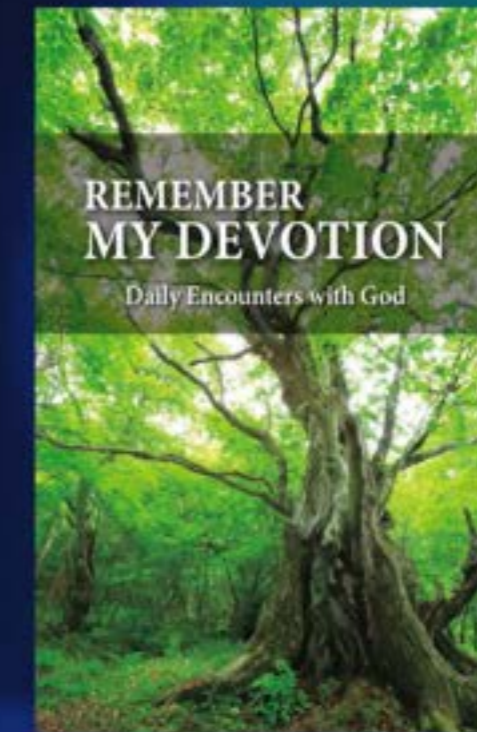
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6. Perseverance

6. **Perseverance:** To overcome:

- weaknesses and infirmities
- wrongs
- warfare
- waste and excesses



6. Perseverance: Know your Season:

- Position
- Posture
- Passion
- Persevere
- Pace
- People
- Power



6. **Perseverance:** Be diligent not to fall!

Three conditional promises in scripture:

- 2 Peter 1:5-11
- Jude 20-21, 23-24
- Matthew 7:24-25



2 Peter 1:10 Therefore, brethren,
**be even more diligent to make
your call and election sure, for if you do
these things you will never stumble.**





Supplement our foundation of faith with **7** key traits

2 Peter 1:5b-7

5 ... add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control
perseverance, to perseverance godliness,

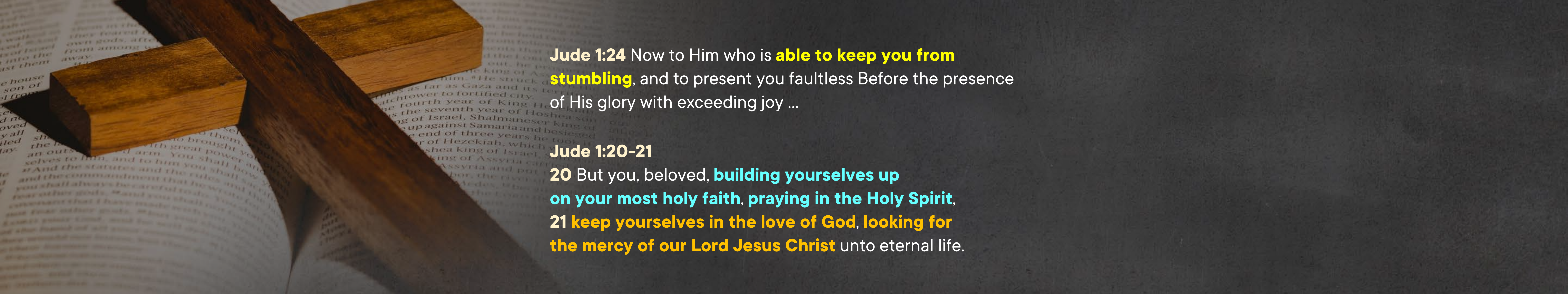
7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly
kindness love.



Walking it out daily



Foundation of Faith

A wooden cross is positioned diagonally across the frame, resting on an open Bible. The Bible's pages are filled with text, and the lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the wood and the paper. The background is a dark, textured surface.

Jude 1:24 Now to Him who is **able to keep you from stumbling**, and to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy ...

Jude 1:20-21

20 But you, beloved, **building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,**
21 **keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ** unto eternal life.

BOTTOM-LINE

2 Timothy 4:7

I have **FOUGHT** the good fight,

I have **FINISHED** the race,

I have **KEPT** the faith.

