

Walking in the Word

Title: The Path to Finishing Well part 2

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Scripture: Psalm 119:37–40

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Main Idea

The path to finishing well is paved with humble, dependent prayer because God alone can turn our eyes, confirm His promises, protect our testimony, and revive our souls.

Sermon in Brief

Psalm 119:33–40 teaches us that finishing well isn't accidental, and it's not accomplished by sheer determination. In the second half of this stanza, the psalmist prays for God to turn his eyes from worthless things, confirm His promises, turn away reproach, and give him life. These prayers show us how believers fight spiritual drift. We do not usually abandon the Lord all at once; often, our hearts cool slowly as our attention is captured by empty things. But God preserves His people by redirecting our gaze to Christ, grounding us in His promises, protecting His reputation through our lives, and reviving us with fresh spiritual life.

Main Points:

1. A Prayer for Purity: *Lord, turn my eyes from worthless things.*
2. A Prayer for Promise: *Lord, make your promises certain to me.*
3. A Prayer for Protection: *Lord, protect my testimony.*
4. A Prayer for Revival: *Lord, renew my hunger for You and Your Word.*

Key Truths:

- We become what we behold: What captures our attention eventually shapes our affection, desire, and direction.
- Purity begins before outward action. The battle for purity begins with what captures our eyes and our hearts.
- Worthless things promise satisfaction but leave the soul empty.
- The fear of the Lord frees us from the fear of man.
- Revival is fresh life from God. It's not something brand new, it's experiencing afresh the grace and life God has already given.

Key Quotes

"We rarely wake up one morning and decide to abandon the Lord. More often, we simply drift."

"The path of finishing well is paved with humble, dependent prayer."

"The battle for purity begins long before our hands act or before our feet wander."

"Biblical holiness is never merely learning to say no to sin. It is learning to say yes to something infinitely better."

"One type of gaze empties your soul. Another type of gaze transforms your soul."

"The believer who finishes well has settled this question once for all: God's ways are always good, *even when they are difficult.*"

Reflect & Respond

What has captured your attention lately? Is it drawing your heart toward Christ or away from Him?

Where do you see signs of spiritual drift in your own life? What old, well-worn paths of obedience do I need to return to?

Are you more concerned with man's praise or God's approval?

Do you have a growing appetite for Christ and His Word, or has your hunger cooled?

Walking in the Word This Week

Each evening pray:

"Lord, turn my eyes from what is worthless. Confirm Your promises to me. Protect my life from bringing reproach to Your name. Revive my soul and give me life in Your ways."

Identify one specific "worthless thing" to turn from and one specific promise of God to meditate on instead.