

2. PAUL LIVED FOR A GREATER REALITY

v. 6 – the time for my departure is near . . .

Hebrews 11:16 . . . better country — a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Departure pictures a ship pulling up its anchor and leaving the harbor, or a soldier breaking camp.

Life on this earth is like a ship at port where we should be *preparing* for the real journey to come.

Jim Elliot: “When the time comes to die, make sure that all you have to do is die!”

3. PAUL VIEWED HIS DEATH AS HIS RETIREMENT

Departure used of unyoking an ox from a plow.

Death is both the beginning of new life and the end of hard work.

Psalms 92:12-15 – ¹² The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; ¹³ planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴ They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, ¹⁵ proclaiming, “The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.” (NIV)

So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart. When it comes your time to die, be not like those whose hearts are filled with the fear of death, so that when their time comes they weep and pray for a little more time to live their lives over again in a different way.

Sing your death song and die like a hero going home.

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Living to Leave a Legacy

2 Timothy 4:6 – 8

WHAT DOES A SPIRITUAL LEGACY LOOK LIKE?

Psalms 78:1 – 8: ¹ O my people, listen to my instructions. Open your ears to what I am saying, ² for I will speak to you in parables. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past—³ stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us. ⁴ We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders. ⁵ For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, ⁶ so the next generation might know them—even the children not yet born—and they in turn will teach their own children. ⁷ So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands. ⁸ Then they will not be like their ancestors—stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful, refusing to give their hearts to God. (NLT)

2 Timothy 1:5 – I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. (NIV)

2 Timothy 3:14, 15 — ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:2 — The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

PAUL'S PRACTICES

1. PRAY FOR THEM

2 Timothy 1:3 . . . I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day . . .

2. LEAD BY EXAMPLE

2 Timothy 3:10 – 11 — ¹⁰ You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ¹¹ persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. (NIV)

1 Corinthians 11:1 – Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

Philippians 3:17 – Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

3. REMINDE THEM OF GOD'S WORK IN YOUR LIFE AND THEIRS

2 Timothy 1:8b – 9 — ⁸ . . . join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time . . . (NIV)

2 Timothy 1:6 – 7 — ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. (NIV)

4. GIVE THEM HOPE AND A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

2 Timothy 1:11 – 12 — ¹¹ And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. (NIV)

(See also 1 Corinthians 15:58)

5. ENCOURAGE THEM NOT TO DRIFT OFF COURSE

2 Timothy 4:5 — But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. (NIV)

6. SERVE TOGETHER

Acts 16:1 – 5 — ¹ Paul went first to Derbe and then to Lystra, where there was a young disciple named Timothy. His mother was a Jewish believer, but his father was a Greek. ² Timothy was well thought of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium, ³ so Paul wanted him to join them on their journey . . . ⁴ they went from town to town, instructing the believers to follow the decisions made by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in their faith and grew larger every day. (NIV)

1 Timothy 1:3 – As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer . . . (NLT)

THE FOCUS OF PAUL'S LIFE

2 Timothy 4:6 – 8 — ⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (Again, that's the example he set) ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. (NIV)

(See also 1 Corinthians 15:53)

1. HE VIEWED HIS LIFE AS A SACRIFICE TO GOD

v. 6 – I am being poured out like a drink offering . . .