

MOTTOS AND MANTRAS

Part 4: It's Not How You Start It's How You Finish

PAUL; A MAN WHO FINISHED STRONG

- The three things he listed about himself *(2 Timothy 4:6-7 NKJ)*
 1. Fought the good fight
 2. Finished the race
 3. Kept the faith

HORRIBLE START STRONG FINISH

- One of the worst kings ever *(2 Chronicles 33:1-2 & 9 NKJ)*
 1. Built altars to foreign gods, set up an idol in the temple
 2. Passed his sons through fire, practiced witchcraft and sorcery
 3. Influenced the nation to sin against God
- Mercy in the middle of trouble *(2 Chronicles 33:10-13; 15-16 NKJ)*
 1. A merciful God spoke to Manasseh - but he wouldn't listen
 2. Wound up captive in chains with a hook in his nose
 3. Humbled himself and asked God for help
- Manasseh acted like God was God
 1. He removed what was wrong and repaired what was right
 2. He used his influence for good for God

FINISHING STRONG

- Make small adjustments
 1. We all have a human tendency to drift and forget
 2. Listen for the Lord's voice to you - His word and His Spirit
- Stay humble
 1. When we miss it, own it - defiance doesn't work
 2. Then ask God for His help *(1 Peter 5:5-6 NKJ)*
- Act like God is God *(Hebrews 11:6 NKJ)*
 1. We believe He is real so we follow Manasseh's example
 2. God is still a rewarder
 3. Use our influence for good for God