**TAKING TIME TO LIVE EVERY DAY FOR CHRIST**

**2 Timothy 4:6-8**

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**INTRODUCTION**

The text for our mutual consideration finds Paul imprisoned with a conclusive belief that his death is very near. Although his vantage point is from that of a person looking back over dedicated effort, he speaks to encourage Timothy (as well as today’s readers) that there is reward for a well ran race. A race that Paul has completed and one that he encourages others to complete faithfully that they too might receive the reward!

**BODY OF LESSON**

1. **Ingredients** for living every day for Christ
2. Intentional living **2 Timothy 4:6-8** (Ready, set, go)
3. Live faithfully **Revelation 2:10** (be faithful)
4. Based on endurance **James 1:12** (endurance)
5. Steadfast, unmovable, given fully to the work (committed) **1 Corinthians 15:58**
6. God has priority! **Matthew 6:33**, **Colossians 1:18**
7. **Why** should I live every day for Christ? (There is benefit!)
8. Hold fast that no man takes your crown **Revelation 3:11**
9. Run in the race looking to be rewarded **1 Corinthians 9:24**
10. Must endure to be saved **Matthew 10:22**
11. God destroys defiledtemples **1 Corinthians 3:17**
12. Can fall from grace **Galatians 5:4**
13. **What**is living every day for Christ?

 A. Being obedient **Ecclesiastes 12:13**

 B. Living worthy of our calling **Ephesians 4:1-3**

 C. Being doers of the word (work) **James 1:22**

 D. Serving with all our heart **Deuteronomy 10:12**

 E. Serving Fervently **Romans 12:11**

**NOTES**

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**Bible Passages**

**Ingredients for living every day for Christ**

**2 Timothy 4:6-8 (KJV)**
6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.
7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:
8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

**Revelation 2:10 (KJV)**
10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

**James 1:12 (KJV)**
12 Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

**1 Corinthians 15:58 (KJV)**
58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

**Matthew 6:33 (KJV)**
33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

**Colossians 1:18 (KJV)**
18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

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**Why should I live every day for Christ?**

**Revelation 3:11 (KJV)**
11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

**1 Corinthians 9:24 (KJV)**
24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

**Matthew 10:22 (KJV)**
22 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

**1 Corinthians 3:17 (KJV)**
17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.

**Galatians 5:4 (KJV)**
4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

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**Whatis living every day for Christ?**

**Ecclesiastes 12:13 (KJV)**
13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

**Ephesians 4:1-3 (KJV)**
1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**James 1:22 (KJV)**
22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

**Deuteronomy 10:12 (KJV)**
12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

**Romans 12:11 (KJV)**
11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;