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**Leaving A Legacy: A Study In 2 Timothy**  
"Finishing Strong"

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2 Timothy 4:6-8

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Introduction: As we come to our text today, the end is near.

1. Timothy is inheriting tremendous responsibility.
  - He faces intense opposition.
  - He is about to lose his mentor.
2. It is a sobering moment with bittersweet undertones.
  - Paul will soon die.
  - But his death doesn't represent defeat.
  - His life mattered.
3. Because that is true, there is an element of excitement and hope in this text.
4. The simple reality is, there is more to life than life.
5. This world and how we conduct our lives is important, but eternity is a long time.
6. So, we better live with an eternal perspective.
7. Paul did this, and because he did, he finished strong.
8. So should we!

I. Paul's Present Reality

A. Immanent Execution

B. Self-Reflection

- I Have Fought
- I Have Finished

- I Have Been Faithful

II. Paul's Future Reality

A. His Reward

B. His Encouragement

Conclusion: Now, let's stop right here and do some of our own self-reflection.

1. Are you still fighting the good fight?
2. Are you intent on finishing strong?
3. Are you keeping the faith?
4. Why are these things so important?
5. Eternity is a long time; our standing in eternity will be based on our answers.
6. Is it time to recommit to finishing strong?