

“IT’S A LONG HAUL”

2 TIMOTHY 3:10-13

(Part 1)

We like to speed up the process in life; it’s how we roll as Americans. But what about when that involves our Christian life and our spiritual disciplines? Is speeding these up usually a healthy endeavor? Since salvation is “easy,” so too should be sanctification, right? Not according to Jesus Himself (Matthew 7:14).

A LIFE OF CHALLENGE

① C _____.

What we _____ matters and what matters we _____.

Without sound _____ you will quickly be deceived and tricked by any and every new-fangled teaching that presents itself before your eyes.

It’ll ground you when the storms of life blow by and test the roots of your _____ system.

② C _____.

Your manner of life does indeed matter.

If you choose to live for Christ by letting Christ live through you, it will _____ your world. What aroma do you emit in the air when you hang out with others?

③ C _____.

_____ God was the conclusion for Jesus (John 8:29). So too it was for the Apostle Paul (2 Cor. 5:9; Gal. 1:10; Ephesians 6:6; Col. 1:10).

④ C _____.

In short, doctrine is what you _____, whereas faith is the _____ to follow it.

Faith is so incredibly essential in order to go the distance in this life of challenge.

- It’s the _____ that overcomes the world (1 Jn 5:4)
- Without it you cannot _____ God (Heb 11:6)
- The just shall _____ by it (Romans 1:17)
- We _____ by it and not by sight (2 Cor 5:7)
- We use the _____ of it to quench the fiery darts of the wicked one (Eph. 6:16)
- We fight the good _____ of it (1 Tim 6:12)
- We are to _____ in it (James 1:6)

CONCLUSION

In order to go the distance it’s essential that you finish what He’s started and you will only do that as you exercise the resources He has equipped you with. Follow the model of Christ and imitate the life of Paul. In so doing, you will be an example to those who come behind you. And that, beloved, will leave a lasting mark and deposit a godly heritage.