

IT IS FINISHED!

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I. **Procrastinating** - To put off doing something for later that we should do now

A. Why do we put it off? Why don't we finish?

1. **Skill deficiency** - Knowledge or skill deficit is not a permanent obstacle
2. **Lack of Interest** - Not your favorite thing to do
3. **Lack of Motivation** - Lose sight of the why and end result
4. **Fear of Failure** - Do not want to make mistakes; failure becomes identity
5. **Fear of Success** - More pressure and expectation; Higher expectations and demands
6. **Resistance/Rebellion** - Don't like to be told what to do

II. **Becoming a great finisher:**

A. **ENTRY** - Know your goal and take the steps to get started

B. **ENDURANCE** - Overcome opposition and temptation to quit

C. **ENDING** - Don't quit or give up until finished

III. **Jesus - Great Finisher - John 19:17-30**

A. **ENTRY** - Jesus had a goal

1. **Gal 4:4-5** 4 But when the ***fullness of the time*** had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.
 - a) **1 John 3:5** 5 And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.
2. **Luke 19:10** 10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost
 - a) Luke 15 - Lost sheep, lost coin, lost son

B. **ENDURANCE** - Jesus had opposition and tempted to quit

1. **Luke 22:41-44** - Jesus was in agony wanting to quit
2. **Heb 12:2** - Author and FINISHER endured the pain
3. **Acts 20:23-24** - None of these things move me; finish my race with joy!

C. **ENDING** - Jesus didn't quit or give up until it was FINISHED!

1. **John 4:34** 34...My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.
2. **John 19:30** - It is Finished!
 - a) **Finished** - *teleo* - To bring an activity to a successful finish - To complete, to end, to accomplish; To reach a goal, point aimed at, target
3. **2 Tim 4:7** 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

