***Preparing to Finish Well – Sermon Kit 101-6***

Jesus is calling people to enter a race. The race is not easy, but its completion will make every moment of suffering pale as we behold what is in store. Jesus is waiting at the finish line. He will wipe away every tear and present awards to those who run their race well. We will be home.

The purpose of this sermon kit (**101**) is to introduce the race and the One who starts and finishes it for each person (Heb. 12:2). We want people to know who Jesus is, what Jesus calls them to, what the rewards are, and what the finish looks like. Hopefully, these will motivate positive action in the people to whom you minister.

This kit contains six sermons and the helps to go with them:

101-1 The Battle For Your Soul

101-2 Jesus, The Only Way To God

101-3 The Great Exchange

101-4 Our Identity In Christ

101-5 Our Great Wedding

101-6 Preparing To Finish Well

This section (**101-6; Preparing To Finish Well**) of the kit is based on **Hebrews 11:35-12:6**. The race we run as Christians will come to an end one day. To finish that race well, we must be preparing today. Jesus is waiting at the race’s conclusion. We want Him to be proud.

The teaching sample records seven factors that can determine a person’s standing at the end of his race.

1. Finishing well requires the ability to see beyond the finish line.
2. Finishing well doesn’t always mean finishing smoothly.
3. Finishing well gets you affirmation from God.
4. Finishing well demands that we work as a team.
5. Finishing well can be inhibited by distractions.
6. Finishing well is impossible for quitters.
7. Finishing well is God’s desire for His children.

To do all seven of these points in one sitting would require significant time. You could break this sermon into two parts, or you could pull out those points that you believe, under the leading of God’s Spirit, would be the most beneficial for your listeners. Each point is self-contained and lends itself to treatment as a single component.

There are multiple parts to this sermon kit.

1. Introduction page – explains what is in the kit.
2. Sermon note-sheet – a resource for the people to take notes
3. Sermon outline – a resource for the pastor to use
4. Teaching sample – sermon text ideas
5. PowerPoint – graphics for media application
6. Promotional helps – several resources to help promote the message

All Pastoral Kits resources are free and available to use as you wish within the above guidelines. Make changes that best fit your application, and feel free to make unlimited copies and distribute them as needed. Our prayer is that God will use these resources to prepare people for the soon return of Jesus Christ. Finish Well.