

MAN UP!
"Real Men Finish Well"
Philippians 3:10-14

"All is well that ends well"
Shakespeare

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
2 Timothy 4:7

DIFFERENT WAYS TO FINISH

1. YOU CAN BE **DISQUALIFIED**

Description: Some start well but do not follow the rules and are removed and make themselves ineligible for the prize

"No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified" 1 Corinthians 9:27

* Pete Rose

* Marion Jones

Men in the Bible Who Did Not Finish Well

* **SAMSON**

* **ABSOLAM**

* **ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA**

2. YOU CAN **FIZZLE OUT**

Description: Some have great potential but never live up to it. They could have done better, should have done better...but did not.

* Brian Bosworth

Men in the Bible who started well but did not finish well

* **ISAAC**

* **BARNABAS**

3. YOU CAN FINISH, BUT FINISH **POORLY**

Description: Some start strong, maybe even lead...then fade into the background.

"Faith that fizzles before the finish is faulty from the first"

"From this time many of His disciples turned back and no longer followed Him" John 6:66

"Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the Word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desire for other things come in and choke the Word, making it unfruitful"

Mark 4:18-19

Men in the Bible who faded...

* GIDEON

* ELI

4. YOU CAN FINISH WELL

"I have fought the fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

* TED WILLIAMS * JIMMY STEWART

Philippians 3:10-14

Men in the Bible who went the distance

* JOB

* JOSHUA

* PAUL

TO FINISH WELL

Practice DISCIPLINE

Continue to GROW

Find a MENTOR

Keep a heart HOT FOR GOD