

Final Words to Consider

2 Corinthians 13:11- Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. (KJV)

Final words of wisdom are worthy of remembering by attentive listeners. Christians are expected to be attentive to the authorities of God's Holy Church. The Holy Apostle Paul is certainly an authority worthy of considered attention. Final statements in the Apostle's Epistles have lasting importance to the believer. The Apostle Paul wanted the Corinthians to be of one mind and to live in peace. Contemporary believers do well to value living in peace and being of one mind.

Ephesians 6:10- Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. (KJV)

The Holy Apostle's final message to the Ephesians was to be strong in the Lord. Holy Apostle Paul wanted the Ephesians to treasure the power of the Lord's might. Life is challenging and being strong in the Lord keeps believers prepared for life. Hope emanates from the Apostle's words to the Ephesians to address difficulties. Each day brings challenges for believers and God's might makes a difference. Believers strong in the Lord can address life's challenges with great confidence.

Philippians 4:8- Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (KJV)

The Philippians were encouraged by Apostle Paul to focus on the virtuous life. Paul ascribed value to truth, honesty, just living, purity, goodness and loveliness. Compelling inspiration emanates from the Apostle Paul's words to the Philippians. Each day is an opportunity to embrace the virtues identified and valued by St. Paul. Repentance is the step necessary to shed sinfulness to move toward a virtuous life. Paul's Epistles are instructive for believers seeking to remove sin from daily life.

2 Thessalonians 3:1- Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: (KJV)

Prayer's importance has a place in Apostle Paul's final words to the Thessalonians. Christian believers will learn extensively about prayer in the Apostle's Epistles. The Holy Apostle treasured the word of the Lord and the word's glorification. Believers' lives are greatly enriched when immersed in the word of the Lord. Lives immersed in the word of the Lord will manifest and glorify the Lord's word. Blessedness comes from believers hearing the word of the Lord and keeping it.

(Lk.11:28)

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