"From Forgiveness to Faithfulness" Series from II Timothy, Titus and Philemon Lesson Twelve: "Faithfulness In Ministry"

II Timothy 4:1-8 Conquerors Sunday School Class – Sunday, May 15, 2022

Our Lesson's Theme Verse is found in this passage of Scripture...

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

II Timothy 4:7-8

Today's Lesson Thought can be summed up in this one Bible Verse from this statement... "In All We Do Or Say, May Our Lord Find Us Faithful!"

Lesson: "Faithfulness In Ministry"

- I : The Basis of Faithfulness in Ministry
 - A: God Himself Witnesses and Judges
 - II Timothy 4:1-2a

B: Reward Awaits

- II Timothy 4:6-8, II Corinthians 4:16-18
- Look at what Paul reminded Timothy of in his own life that was soon about to end...
 - o 1: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand..."
 - o 2: "...I have fought a good fight..."
 - o 3: "...I have finished my course..."
 - o 4: "...I have kept the faith..."
- God has prepared at least five crowns for His children to strive for while living here on this old sinful world...
 - o 1: The Incorruptible Crown as seen in I Corinthians 9:25
 - o 2: The Crown of Rejoicing as seen in I Thessalonians 2:19
 - o 3: The Crown of Righteousness that we just read about here in II Timothy 4:8
 - o 4: The Crown of Life that we read about in Revelation 2:10
 - o 5: The Crown of Glory that is spoken of in I Peter 5:1-4

C: Opposition Arises

- II Timothy 4:3-4
- II : The Behaviours of Faithfulness in Ministry
 - A: Preach the Word (II Timothy 4:2)
 - B: Be Instant (II Timothy 4:2)
 - C: Reprove (II Timothy 4:2)
 - D: Rebuke (II Timothy 4:2)
 - E: Exhort (II Timothy 4:2, Isaiah 58:1, II Peter 3:9)

- F: Watch (II Timothy 4:5)
- G: Endure (II Timothy 4:5, II Timothy 2:19)
- H: Do the Work of an Evangelist (II Timothy 4:5, Matthew 28:19-20)
- I: Make Full Proof of Thy Ministry (II Timothy 4:5)

Conclusion:

Dear Conqueror's Class member, may the same be said of you and me today—"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith..."—'Faithfulness in Ministry' is what not only our lost world needs to see in you and me today, but what our Lord desires to see and one day reward us for when we stand before Him in Heaven!