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Finishing Well is a self-help book based on sound psychology and Biblical principles. It features the biographies of well known and little known Christians who all finished well. Author Bob Buford called them "code breakers." They are people age 40 and older who have pioneered the art of finishing well in these modern times, and who can teach us to do the same, starting today. Buford sought out 60 of these trailblazers--including Peter Drucker, Roger Staubach, Jim Collins, Ken

Blanchard, and Dallas Willard--and has recorded their lively conversations in these pages so that they can serve as "mentors in print" for all of us. "Twenty years from now," Buford writes, "the rules for this second adulthood as a productive season of life may be better known. But for now, we're out across the frontier breaking new ground." Buford gives you a chance to sit at the feet of these pioneers and learn the art of finishing well so you can shift into a far more fulfilling life now, no matter your age, and pursue a lasting significance that will be a legacy for future generations. Thrive as a Christian regardless of your age. Dr. George Sweeting's *How to Begin the Christian Life* revealed a plan for success in starting new lives of purpose in pursuit of Christ. Now he and his son Donald Sweeting present *How to Finish the Christian Life*, a guide that gives mature believers a new set of disciplines and encouraging truths to help them finish well. Retirement from a career should never be mistaken for an absence of purpose. On the foundation of his own ministry that continues to thrive, Dr. Sweeting and his son deliver an inspiring message that the end of the believer's journey is not a matter of dying but a challenge to live to the fullest to the glory of God. When it comes to the life of a true follower of Christ, there is only one way to finish: strong. Most people want to finish life well, yet so few take the time necessary to carefully think through what that entails. Some say it means contentment, happiness, and freedom from pain. Many desire to simply maintain their dignity and enjoy their family and loved ones. These are reasonable goals; yet, there is a more profound, uniquely Christian approach to the end of life. John Dunlop, a medical doctor who has practiced for over thirty years and specializes in geriatrics, combines his medical expertise, firsthand experience with patients, and firm commitment to Scripture to propose nine strategies for finishing life well. He shows how with proper physical, emotional, and spiritual preparation, aging and death need not be a fight to the finish but a purposeful resting in the arms of the Savior. Theologically robust and practically relevant, this book will prove to be a sensitive and helpful resource for anyone

facing end-of-life issues. In life, how we begin and continue is important. But ultimately, it is how we finish that really matters. Some of us have begun well. Some of us have continued well. But how will we finish? Will we finish well, or will we finish badly? "This book highlights the fact that biographical study is highly profitable for leadership insights. David Wong writes well, using apt illustrations, appropriately using humor, sharing his personal experiences, and identifying insightful leadership principles. "He does so while examining thirteen biblical characters, deriving both positive and negative observations from incidents in their lives. The overarching theme involves the concept of finishing well—chapters in a life and/or the entire life. "I recommend this book as a highly valuable leadership book." -Professor J. Robert "Bobby" Clinton, Professor of Leadership, Fuller Theological Seminary

Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar Sawtelle leads an idyllic life with his parents on their farm in remote northern Wisconsin. For generations, the Sawtelles have raised and trained a fictional breed of dog whose thoughtful companionship is epitomized by Almondine, Edgar's lifelong friend and ally. But with the unexpected return of Claude, Edgar's paternal uncle, turmoil consumes the Sawtelles' once peaceful home. When Edgar's father dies suddenly, Claude insinuates himself into the life of the farm—and into Edgar's mother's affections. Grief-stricken and bewildered, Edgar tries to prove Claude played a role in his father's death, but his plan backfires—spectacularly. Forced to flee into the vast wilderness lying beyond the farm, Edgar comes of age in the wild, fighting for his survival and that of the three yearling dogs who follow him. But his need to face his father's murderer and his devotion to the Sawtelle dogs turn Edgar ever homeward. David Wroblewski is a master storyteller, and his breathtaking scenes—the elemental north woods, the sweep of seasons, an iconic American barn, a fateful vision rendered in the falling rain—create a riveting family saga, a brilliant exploration of the limits of language, and a compulsively readable modern classic. Why not go with the flow? Why not take the easy road? Why not keep on one side

to be safe? In *The Narrow Road*, the author challenges readers to choose the path he describes as a mountain ridge with ravines on both sides. The way is narrow, difficult and perilous, but it leads to life. “In today’s confusing world, we find ourselves torn in different directions: hearing different teachings on all sides and uncertain which to follow; aware of the dangers of extremes but unsure what the middle course might look like. In *The Narrow Road*, David Wong offers sensible and biblically-based guidance, drawing on years of pastoral experience and teaching. There are no quick fixes or ‘magic bullets’ here, but much truth to reflect on.” — Dr Philip Satterthwaite Principal, Biblical Graduate School of Theology (BGST) Whether we want to or not, we are writing the next chapter. What we do now-or fail to do-affects those coming after us. *Beyond Finishing Well* looks at the kind of legacy we will leave behind. It explores the lives of biblical characters and draws lessons on why faith seldom lasts to the third generation, why leadership succession often breaks down, and what finishing well means to the people and events beyond us. *Success Is Great. But Significance Is Lasting.* You’ve achieved a measure of success in the first half of life, and it’s been a thrill. But deep in your heart, you want your second half to count for something far more. Something bigger than you. Significance. You’re not alone; you’re in “Halftime.” You want to discover where your deepest passions intersect with your greatest abilities and harness them to help change the world. But what does significance look like? How do you attain it? What will it cost you? What if you are not yet financially independent? Who can help you make sense out of this stage of life? Lloyd Reeb knows how it is. He’s wrestled with the same questions—and found answers. In *From Success to Significance*, he unfolds a blueprint that has helped thousands of men and women redefine success and infuse their lives with eternal significance. Adapt Reeb’s approach to your circumstances and, with God’s help, put it in motion. It works, and it will work for you. Discover God’s unique purpose for your life. Your talents, your drives, and everything you are will make sense in

a new way and have an impact you've never dreamed of. Go ahead, start dreaming. Because significance is within your reach, and it starts by finding the freedom to dream. "Many people measure their success by wealth, recognition, power, and status. There's nothing wrong with those, but if that's all you're focused on, you're missing the boat. Lloyd Reeb shows that if you focus on significance—using your time and talent to serve others—that's when truly meaningful success can come your way."

A look at treasuring Jesus until the end Caleb, Solomon, Lot, Paul, Demas, Joshua & Jesus For those who are post-retirement The primary purpose of this Bible study is to help you to take a closer look at how you can finish well before your life is over. This study is 1 of 6 in the CASA Bible Study Series. Burnout is inevitable. Apart from the sustaining presence of God, the pressures of ministry are more than any man or woman can bear. Learn from Elijah, Moses, David, Jeremiah, Peter, Paul and the Lord Jesus. This book on Christian ministry burnout will help you, so that, like Jesus, you will be able to declare to the Father, "I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do." Whether you are a pastor, a missionary, or church leader, this book is a "must read." If you are struggling with burnout now, you will be greatly encouraged. If your heart is free and your ministry is going well, you will receive strong protection for the days ahead. About the authors: Bill Mills is the founder of Leadership Resources International (www.leadershipresources.org), a mission agency committed to launching pastoral training movements worldwide. Bill's career has been focused on encouraging churches in the West and equipping pastoral leaders in the developing world. Bill also serves as a staff pastor in his home church. Craig Parro is the President of Leadership Resources. Craig directed our international training ministry for 20 years. He is a stimulating teacher and has equipped and encouraged pastors and churches throughout the world. The Complete Cardinal Guide to Planning For and Living in Retirement offers comprehensive coverage of everything you need to know to begin strategizing for your retirement

years. With clear and simple language, Hans Scheil who has 40 years of experience providing long-term care insurance and financial planning explains the details of Social Security and Medicare, long-term care insurance, asset management, taxes, and how to find qualified advisors. These explanations are illustrated by real-world examples drawn from Han Scheil s own practice." Thinning hair, failing eyesight, and arthritic hands reveal an inescapable truth: we're only getting older. But that doesn't mean we should simply sit back and take it easy. In *Finishing Our Course with Joy*, renowned theologian and author J. I. Packer challenges us to embrace old age as an opportunity for continued learning, careful planning, and heartfelt discipleship. Packer's pastoral words and personal stories encourage us to press on toward the upward call of God with endurance and grace—that we might continue to glorify God in our aging and finish our lives with joy. What separates pastors who finish well from those who don't? When trusted pastors fall into sin and destroy a ministry, the entire body of believers gets hurt. After helping two large churches through the aftermath of such an event, Daniel Henderson discovered that pastoral failings are not primarily rooted in overdeveloped passions for self and sin but rather in underfed visions of eternity and a lack of zeal for God's glory. In *Glorious Finish*, Daniel Henderson teaches you: Why focusing on God's glory is the key to a fruitful ministry How leaders can build habits that keep them captivated by God and His glory How to stay glory-oriented in the grind, challenges, and spiritual attacks of ministry Forget the latest techniques and the strategies—spend some time recentering on what you know is most important—His glory. Habakkuk 3:2 "...O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years! In the midst of the years make it known...." The initial stage of a journey is often robust and filled with excitement and hope but very often, it is in the midst of the years that bring discouragement, disenchantment and the feeling of discontinuation. Habakkuk 3:2 is a powerful and relatable Scripture in many instances. Believers sometimes may feel like giving up on the very journey they need - the walk of faith,

which the great Apostle Paul called, “the race”. This world has the tendency to make you forget the significance of the purpose of your walk in the Lord and the glory that awaits you. The affairs of life and the cares of the world can cause you to feel like you are alone and that no power backs you up. This book is written to bring insight and revelation to you concerning the manifold paths of victories available to you and how to finish the race of faith. Enjoy and be blessed! But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. —Acts 20:24 (ESV) Growing old has been the greatest surprise of my life,” says Billy Graham, known by many as God’s Ambassador. “I would have never guessed what God had in store for me, and I know that as I am nearing home, He will not forsake me the last mile of the way.” In *Nearing Home* this man of faith—now in his nineties—explores the challenges of aging while gleaning foundational truths from Scripture. Billy Graham invites us to journey with him as he considers the golden years while anticipating the hope of being reunited with his wife, Ruth, in his heavenly home that eclipses this world. “When granted many years of life, growing old in age is natural, but growing old with grace is a choice,” says the author. “Growing older with grace is possible for all who will set their hearts and minds on the Giver of grace, the Lord Jesus Christ.” Join Billy Graham as he shares the challenges of fading strength but still standing strong in his commitment to finishing life well. “Explore with me not only the realities of life as we grow older but also the hope and fulfillment and even joy that can be ours once we learn to look at these years from God’s point of view and discover His strength to sustain us every day.” —BILLY GRAHAM Growing older is inevitable and, as we often say, it beats the alternative. But just because we age does not mean we must give in to a slow deterioration of our bodies, minds, social circles, and interests. It doesn't mean we need to give up on our dreams, goals, or aspirations. In fact, as people live longer and healthier into old age, we need to decide what we want to do with all

the extra years we've been given! In *Living Strong, Finishing Well*, Dr. David Stoop draws upon his more than 80 years on the planet and his decades of counseling, speaking, and writing to show you how to live every moment to its fullest until you're finally called home. He shows you how to be yourself, continue the search for meaning, stay humble, build on your friendships, develop resilience, stay teachable, and more as you learn to accept the gifts that come with growing older and wiser in a world that needs what you have to give. The world has never been more distracting—joy has never been more possible. You live with a massive amount of distraction: desperate headlines smartphone scrolling an endless to-do list Not to mention the nagging questions of your heart: Am I making the right decision? Am I with the right person? Will my past mistakes keep me from my best future? Through the pithy and inspiring storytelling that has endeared him to millions, New York Times bestselling author Bob Goff invites you to laugh with more gusto, dream with more confidence, and love with more intention in this disarming call to live *Undistracted*. Bob's stories are like the rumble strips on the road that make you suddenly alert to how far you have drifted from your lane. From visiting friends in San Quentin to accidentally getting into a stalker's car at the airport to establishing Uganda's first space program, Bob shows you the way back to an audaciously attentive life. Your undistracted life is an adventure waiting to happen. What stories will you live with undistracted purpose and unstoppable joy? Ready to quit? You're not the only one. Flip through the pages of Scripture—you're in good company. Warren Wiersbe unfolds the stories of fifteen Bible characters who struggled just like you, and tells how you can gain the strength to survive—and thrive—when the road gets rocky. Many men struggle with identity issues, mid-life crises, depression, self-esteem, and defining a life mission. Our culture has tried to redefine what Christian manhood means. A growing number of men see their primary identity in what they do rather than who they are. Not enough men value the importance of great character and modeling Christlike attitudes. In

Finishing Well, Finishing Strong, Jim Grassi explores what spiritual manhood looks like and how men can discover the joy of living an abundant life. Persevering through pressure and stress to find God's peace allows men not to quit when the going gets tough. Dr. Grassi helps men discover the difference between having worldly success and developing spiritual significance. Men will feel motivated, empowered, and equipped to better cope with the issues in our chaotic culture that impact personal growth. Features include: Practical and relevant ideas and resources to assist those wishing to find more joy in their lives Specific suggestions for lifestyle adjustments to give a better understanding of balance and stress management An exploration of what it means to have a spiritual mentor Powerful Bible studies for applying God's wisdom to developing short- and long-term goals Encouragement for perseverance and coping with chaotic issues The noted evangelist provides Bible-based answers to commonly asked questions about the existence and characteristics of heaven, what happens when people die, what they will do in heaven, who will get there, and what difference it makes. Bestselling author Steve Farrar has good news for the average man: it doesn't matter if you've had a great start in the Christian life, or a rough one. It doesn't matter if you've stumbled time and again, or even fallen flat on your face. What matters most in this all-important race of life is how you finish. According to Farrar, the man who hangs in there for the long haul with his wife, his kids, and his Lord is an exception these days. Finishing Strong, now in trade paperback, offers lively use of Scripture, contemporary illustrations, and study questions to equip every reader to be that exception. For the man who wants to climb the character ladder more than the corporate one, this is an essential tool. When the going gets tough, the tough start changing. Difficult times call for different solutions. In his global bestseller, Legacy, James Kerr goes deep into the heart of the world's most successful team, the New Zealand All Blacks, to help understand what it takes to bounce back from adversity and still reach the top. It is a book about leading a team or an organisation - but, more importantly,

about leading a life. The kind of life that you want to lead. In today's volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous environment, personal leadership has never been more relevant and Legacy goes to the heart of how great leaders - and we are all leaders - 'reboot' and reframe their future. It is a truly life-defining read that addresses the big questions - values, vision, mindset and purpose - that, when answered, build the foundation for resilience, excellence and sustained success. This book will change your life. Champions do extra. They sweep the sheds, follow the spearhead, and keep a blue head. They are good ancestors and plant trees they'll never see. This book describes the most thorough set of retirement transition skills available for ministers. Ministers, missionaries, and chaplains face much more difficult retirement issues than the average secular individual. They not only lose their occupation, but they often lose friends, culture, identity, self-esteem, and too frequently, even their future hope of ministry. This book helps ministers define: 1. What is a successful retirement, especially for global servants such as ministers, missionaries, and chaplains? 2. How can a minister know when to retire? 3. How can a minister gracefully leave his/her calling to retire? 4. What should a minister consider when transitioning into retirement and back to a home culture? 5. How can a minister transition and re-enter into effective ministry in a retirement home town? 6. What helps and tools will help the retirement transition? 'God's purpose for us is to show, as we get older, that he gives us his strength and, through our experiences of him, his wisdom,' says Ian Knox. 'God is not finished with us. In our later years we are not only to be blessed, but to be a blessing and bring a blessing.' As we get older, some of us grow more frenetic in our anxiety to demonstrate that the force is still with us. Others withdraw, often quite abruptly. What is God's view of ageing? The Bible has much to say, and many stories to tell, about those who did great things, those who did ordinary things well, those who prayed, those who used their gifts, those who suffered, those who went right to the end - and those who, in later years, got it absolutely wrong.

How are we going to face the prospect of ageing? Will we subside, give up? Or shall we view retirement as a gift from God, an opportunity to reach out to others? Our older years are full of possibilities, not least of which is that of helping others find Christ. Everything in life changes when we start to see our disruptions as opportunities to go deeper with God. What if our unwanted troubles produce God's blessings? What if that abundant life Jesus promised is forged in detours? Would you still be willing to follow wherever God called you to go? In this short six-session study, author Chris Syme looks at the lives and callings of seven Bible heroes who answered God's invitation despite the consequences of broken families, past failures, becoming homeless, and even prison. They knew the secret to abundant life: embracing what God was doing in their lives, no holds barred, was their best option. Find out what happens when we start answering God's invitation to the abundant life. Praise for *The Mary Answer*: "Do you consider disruptions and detours part of the abundant life Jesus promises to His followers? Chris Syme masterfully draws us into account after account in Scripture where disruptions and detours transformed servants of the Lord into Kingdom changers." - Michelle Nezat, host of *More Than A Song Podcast* "Often we have a picture in our minds of how our lives should be but God's plan for our lives include divine interruptions. How we respond matters to Him and the kingdom! You will love *The Mary Answer*. -Melanie Davis Porter, author, *Courage to Endure* blog Get your copy today! John Piper challenges fellow baby boomers to forego the American dream of retirement and live out their golden years with a far greater purpose in mind. They say it's a person's reward for all those years of labor. "Turn in your time card and trade in your IRAs. Let travel plans and golf-course leisure lead the way." But is retirement really the ideal? Or is it a series of poor options that ignore a greater purpose-and will kill a person more quickly than old age? John Piper responds: "Lord, spare me this curse!" And his resounding message is for anyone who believes there's far more to the golden years than accumulating comforts. It's for readers who long to finish better than they

started, persevere for the right reasons (and without fear), experience true security, value what lies beyond their cravings, and live dangerously for the One who gave his life in his prime. With this brief book, Piper is sure to spur fellow baby boomers in their resolve to invest themselves in the sacrifices of love-and to grow old with godly zeal. Published in 1992, *Finishing Well: Aging and Reparation in the Intergenerational Family* is a valuable contribution to the field of Family Therapy. It's never too early...it's never too late. Building a lasting legacy of faith is a lifestyle, not a time of life. God has a race marked out for you to run. (Heb. 12:1-3) It doesn't matter who you are, how old you are, or where you are in life. You may be running your race already, or maybe you feel like you're already done, or think you are too busy to run. But your race is waiting. God has put people in your everyday life that are looking for hope and longing for someone to cheer them on. *Women Finishing Well* is a Bible study that will help you recapture the joy of being a child of God and teach you how to infuse that undefinable love into the lives of others. You will be challenged to rejuvenate your relationship with God and establish lifestyle habits that will build a lasting legacy of faith. Also included in this study is access to an online bonus chapter that walks you step-by-step through the process of building a map for your own legacy journey. This bonus includes videos and online tools to get you up and running, and a community to support you in your race. *Finishing well* is a life lived on purpose. Start your journey now. *Finishing* is designed for those who face life's final and most strategic transition--one in which God is moving them beyond the position into a time for unique and ultimate contribution. *Finishing* provides ways to better recognize God's shaping voice and discern the few things they must do as they live out their days. *Finishing* doesn't mean you're finished. Some of your most important days and work still lay ahead as God reveals all that He has entrusted to you over your lifetime. Now it's time to complete the race set before you, and leave a godly legacy that will last. *Finishing* will help you: Consolidate important truths around the *Finishing Transition* Begin to see the

potential of influence even without position Discern what God has entrusted to you over your lifetime Learn how to relationally empower those God brings your way Resist the idea of retirement, empowering you finish your life well Man has a problem and God has an answer in Christ. How the do we respond? Dr. Graham gives the answer in simple, direct, and dynamic language. But he does not stop with the moment of the new birth, for newborns have a lot of growing to do. Here also is essential guidance to take them further, for they can scarcely realize so soon the potential of the new power God can release from deep within them. How to Be Born Again is at once universal and personal, for the new Christian and for the Christian along the way – an irresistible primer for finding salvation, a guidebook for continuing growth. Thousands of ministers burn out every year; others fall prey to sexual temptation. With piercing honesty, Leaders that Last dismantles stale stereotypes about pastors and offers hope for handling their recurring, daily struggles. Co-authored by a minister who admits to struggling with periodic bouts of depression, this practical resource offers a hopeful message for pastors of every denomination. Serving a church is a lonely business no matter how big the congregation. A pastor is expected to be nearly perfect, modeling holiness, generosity, and kindness. In need of moral and emotional support, pastors often try to go it alone, satisfied with a collection of acquaintances but no true friends. Starting a Pastors in Covenant support group changes all that. Struggling leaders can throw each other a lifeline when they agree to communicate with caring and candor. Geared primarily for those in ministry, Leaders that Last is an important message from two authors who understand the difficulties that come with ministering 24-7 . . . with no Sundays off. Over 500,000 copies sold “Why is God allowing this? What have I done wrong?” Many of us have asked these questions when life hits us hard. When our circumstances defy explanation, it is difficult to untangle our emotions from the truth. Before long, we feel confused and frustrated. We doubt His care for us. We wonder how He could allow these circumstances at all, or if He is

really in control. During a time of darkness and adversity in his own life, Jerry Bridges dug deep into the Bible for answers on God's sovereignty. What he learned changed his life—and it will change yours too. Find the answers to some of your most heartfelt questions, such as: Is God in control? Can I trust God? What is our responsibility when things are hard? How can I grow through adversity? And more Explore the scope of God's care and control over nations, nature, and the tiny details of your life. You'll find yourself trusting Him more completely?even when life hurts. Now with an added study guide for personal use or group discussion so you can dive deeper into this staple of Jerry Bridges's classic collection. "The writings of Jerry Bridges are a gift to the church. He addresses a relevant topic with the wisdom of a scholar and the heart of a servant." —Max Lucado, pastor and bestselling author Over 250,000 copies sold Have we become so focused on "major" sins that we've grown apathetic about our subtle sins? Renowned author Jerry Bridges takes you into a deep look at the corrosive patterns of behavior that we often accept as normal, in this established and impactful book. Practical, thought-provoking, and relevant at any stage of life, *Respectable Sins* addresses a dozen clusters of specific "acceptable" sins that we tend to tolerate in ourselves, such as: Jealousy Anger Judgementalism Selfishness Pride Writing from the trenches of his own battles with sin, Bridges offers a message of hope in the transforming grace of God to overcome our "respectable sins." Now with an added study guide for personal use or group discussion so you can dive deeper into this staple of Jerry Bridges's classic collection. "Read this book—we need to—and be ready for a gentle surgeon's sharp knife." —J. I. Packer, author and speaker

Re•lent•less (ri lent/lis): an attitude or posture that is resolute, uncompromising, persistent, unyielding, constant, unstoppable, ruthless. The opposite of slacken, waver, or concede. If ever there was a need for followers of Jesus to be resolute in purpose, uncompromising for truth, persistent in faith, unyielding in hope, constant in love, and unstoppable in advancing the kingdom...it's now! God is ruthless in His love and

pursuit of us; it's time for His Bride to reflect the same passion. John Bevere explores how people of Bible times and today became relentless: John the Baptist spent years living in a barren desert. Jesus endured hardship in a desolate wilderness of temptation. Both men emerged strong in the "power of the Spirit," relentless in not just getting through challenges but in ruling over their circumstances. Ultimately, they succeeded in their God-given life mission. In *Relentless*, you'll learn how even seemingly impossible situations were never meant to stop you but to propel you forward in your journey. Discover in these biblically grounded truths how you can thrive no matter what your season of life. How you begin is not nearly as important as how you finish. Embrace your trials and become relentless! Questions for reflection and discussion included!

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