



How Do You Get to The Finish Line? (You Must Believe You Can)

April 24, 2022

Series Review: Four Elements Necessary to Finish

1. **Consistency:** April 6, 2022 (You must routinely invest to finish strong)
2. **Time:** April 10, 2022 (You must respect time to finish) ... Palm Sunday
3. **Stamina:** Live-Easter Sunday April 17, 2022 (You need prolonged mental and physical effort)
4. **Faith:** April 24, 2022 (You must believe in God, yourself, and others to finish)

Text: James 1:5-8

- 5 If any of you **lacks wisdom**, you should **ask God**, who gives generously to all without **finding fault**, and it will be given to you. 6 But when you ask, you must believe and not **doubt**, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

I. Three Reasons We Often Stop Believing We Can

1. We doubt ourselves (v5,6)
2. We are not sure what to ask God (v5)
3. We fear being wrong (v5)

II. Three Reasons We Can Start Believing We Can

1. God doesn't want us to doubt
2. God wants to give us wisdom
3. God is not looking to find fault in us (He already knows our true condition)



Conclusion:

- If you are not willing to become consistent, be honest about the time on your clock, develop more stamina, and believe you can; you will leave a lot in your life unfinished. Your life will look like your debt and your garage.

III. Four Things I Want You to Take Away from This Series

1. Somethings need to be finished
2. You do not have forever to finish
3. We need more stamina
4. We need to serve God like we believe him

Next Time: Why Do We Fight

- **Read Ahead:** James 4
- **Part One:** Facing Why We Fight
- **Part Two:** Facing What You Really Want When You Fight
- **Part Three:** Facing How You Fight
- **Part Four:** Facing What You Learn About Yourself in the Fight