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"I LOVE MY CHURCH, UNTIL..."

2 Timothy 4:6-8

The secret of life isn't about where you start. It's all about where you finish.

My personal mission statement:

I am committed to

- _____ *for Christ* (Philippians 1:21)
- _____ *my wife* (Ephesians 5:25)
- _____ *at myself* (Romans 15:7)
- _____ *the church* (2 Timothy 2:2 & 4:5)
- leave a* _____ (Revelation 14:13)

1.) Do you acknowledge that few things in life of real worth come easily?

"I have _____ the good fight."

2.) Do you realize that the challenge in life is to be at your best even when it doesn't seem to matter?

"I have _____ the race."

3.) Do you have a worthy purpose to which you give your life?

"I have _____ the faith."

2 Timothy 4:16-18

The "Last Year" Test

I measure my life in family who speak through tears,
who serve me meals on a wicker tray, who pray and love and float.
I measure my life in pine siskens
who entertain me in feeders outside my window,
and Gus, the schnauzer, who curls next to me in bed.
I measure my life in friends who do not know my sins,
who hug my shrunken body, who break open my heart with words.
I measure my life in cancer that has taught me how to measure my life.
Ken Brewer, who died of pancreatic cancer in 2006