

Finish Strong

“It’s Not How You Start...”

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2 Kings 21:1-18; 2 Chronicles 33:10-20

Two Principles about Finishing Strong from the Life of Manasseh:

1. **Genuine** repentance unlocks the door of God’s mercy and grace.

“Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.” Matthew 3:8

“Godly sorrow brings repentance...” 2 Corinthians 7:10

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2. My **past** life does not exclude me from **present** service.

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

“For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.” Psalm 103:11-12

“Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.”
Hebrews 10:17

Key Truth:

When it comes to our race and our life, it’s not how we **start** that matters but how we **finish!**

My Next Steps:

1. This week I will pray daily and thank God for His mercy, grace and forgiveness.
2. Since forgiven people forgive, this week I will seek/continue to forgive those who have hurt me.
3. This week I will memorize 1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”
4. Other: _____

