

Do, Know, Be

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2 Timothy 4:1-8

The second habit of the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People is: “Begin with the end in mind.” This applies to any project, and our lives as well. In 2 Timothy 4, Paul is talking about how he has faithfully fought the fight and is about to reach his life’s goal. There is a crown of righteousness laid up for him.

One preacher taught that the end goal of life should be to faithfully serve the Lord, make it to heaven, and take as many people with us as we can. However, those things focus on the “to do” category. Paul modeled goals “to know” and “to be” as well. He wanted to know Christ (Philippians 3:10) and to be Christlike.

In The Divine Mentor, the author uses the acronym S-O-A-P for drawing close to the Lord each day. First, we read some scripture (S); then we carefully observe (O) what the Spirit is saying to us from it. Next, we think about how it applies (A) to us and finally, we finish in prayer (P) about what we are hearing from God.

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