

## **ENDING STRONG - STARTING STRONG**

### **GET BUILT UP AND THRIVE**

- Stronger spiritually (***Acts 20:32 NKJV***)
  1. God - your relationship with Him
  2. The word of His grace - has the ability to build you spiritually
- Thriving spiritually (***Psalms 1:1-3 NKJV***)
  1. Monitor your input
  2. Where is your delight?
  3. God's Word has the ability to create thriving - metaphor of a tree by rivers

### **THE THREE D'S OF DEPLETION**

- Despising - to think lightly of, to disregard (***Matthew 13:19 NKJV***)
  1. The enemy can steal what you value
  2. Delighting is the opposite mentality
- Discouragement / Disappointment (***Mark 4:16-17 NKJV***)
  1. A big part of life with God is endurance
- Distractions - hard to thrive with a cluttered heart (***Mark 4:18-19 NKJV***)
  1. Analyze - what is distracting you / taking your time
  2. Reduce / eliminate the clutter

### **A GREAT PASSAGE FOR FOCUS AND GUIDANCE** (***Proverbs 3:1-12 NKJV***)

- Loving words from the Father
  1. Start with keeping God's Word
  2. Hold onto mercy and truth
  3. Trust in the Lord and acknowledge Him
  4. Have a greater respect for God than for your own ways
  5. Honor the Lord with your money
  6. Don't ignore God's correction