Dedicated Discipleship

2 Timothy 4:6-8
Definitions

Dedication: The act of commitment to accomplishing a goal or a desire

Discipleship: One who follows a master or teacher and seeks to learn from them to live as they live

Dedicated Discipleship is the commitment to follow Jesus and learn to live like Him
Qualities of Dedicated Discipleship

Discipleship requires a decision
Discipleship requires desire
Discipleship requires determination
  – Church Community
  – Worship
  – Prayer
  – Study
Discipleship requires dedication
Discipleship requires drive
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6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:6-8
Paul was Dedicated in His Will to Fight

Paul fought to expand the Kingdom
Paul fought to extend the gospel
Paul fought to exalt the savior
Paul was Dedicated in His Will to Finish

Paul finished the course
Paul furthered the cause
Paul was firm in Christ
Paul was Dedicated in His Will to be Faithful

Paul was focused on the future
Paul was focused on moving forward
Paul was focused on his faith
Paul did not think of himself as going to be executed; he thought of himself as going to offer his life to God. His life was not being taken from him; he was laying it down. Ever since his conversion Paul had offered to God, his money, his scholarship, his strength, his time, the vigour of his body, the acuteness of his mind, the devotion of his passionate heart. Only life itself was left to offer, and gladly Paul was going to lay life down.
What Does it Take to be a Dedicated Disciple?

Remember who you follow
Recommit your life
Refocus your will
Redouble your effort