

Four tests of life: Number four: The test of finished

Things begin and things end. It's the certainty of life. Take for example, a young single man who is engaged to be married. On the day that he makes this new covenant with his bride, his single life will be over. It is a chapter that is finished, and, believe me, there will be a test.

We all face moments in life when things we were once engaged in are now past and no longer demand or deserve our attention. It can come with retirement, replacement, or even the death of a spouse. In these times, it is necessary that we accept the finalities of life, put the past in its proper perspective, embrace the future, and be ready for the tests which will surely come.

Prayer for Today

Father, help me to finish my course in life with faith. When one assignment is completed and a new day or new call begins, help me to embrace the unknown with courage knowing that You are with me every step of the way.

Scriptures for Today

Philippians 3:13-14 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. (NLT)

Isaiah 43:18-19 But forget all that-it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do a brand-new thing. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? (NLT)