

A DEVOTIONAL GUIDE TO FINISHING

This is taken from my blog found at [SouthernIvyEmporium.com](https://southernivyemporium.com). I hope you find it helpful as you work to start AND finish.

Review & Reflect

Scripture: “Search me, God, and know my heart. Psalm 139:23

Reflection: Before rushing forward, pause. God often renews us not by adding more, but by inviting us to look honestly at what already exists. Ask for clarity - not judgment. What is yours to carry forward, and what is yours to release?

Prayer: Lord, help me see my work clearly and truthfully.

Set Clear Goals

Scripture: “The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance.” Proverbs 21:5

Reflection: God works through intention. Clear goals are not limitations; they are acts of stewardship. When you choose one direction for this season, you create space for faithfulness instead of fragmentation.

Prayer: Guide my plans so they reflect Your purpose for this season.

Set Daily Targets

Scripture: “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much.” Luke 16:10

Reflection: Small, measurable steps are holy work. Daily targets are not about pressure - they are about presence. Faithfulness today prepares you for tomorrow.

Prayer: Help me be faithful in the small steps before me.

Do the Hardest Thing First

Scripture: “Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God will be with you.” Joshua 1:9

Reflection: Avoidance often disguises itself as productivity. Ask God for courage to face what feels heavy or uncomfortable. Breakthrough usually waits on the other side of obedience.

Prayer: Give me courage to do the hard thing first.

Prepare Your Space

Scripture: “Let all things be done decently and in order.” 1 Corinthians 14:40

Reflection: Order creates room for peace. A clear space helps quiet the mind and steady the heart. Preparing your environment is a way of honoring the work you’ve been given to do.

Prayer: Bring order to my space and calm to my mind.

Eliminate, Experiment, Evaluate

Scripture: “Test everything; hold fast what is good.” 1 Thessalonians 5:21

Reflection: Not every idea needs a full commitment. God gives permission to test, discern, and let go. Wisdom grows when you evaluate rather than rush.

Prayer: Help me discern what is worth my time and energy.

Ask Honest Questions

Scripture: “Each of you should test your own actions.” Galatians 6:4

Reflection: Joy, alignment, and purpose matter. Ask honestly whether your work fits who you are becoming. God often renews direction through clarity, not comparison.

Prayer: Lead me toward work that fits my calling and gifts.

Schedule Completion

Scripture: “There is a time for everything.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

Reflection: Finishing needs time set aside, just like starting. Completion honors the effort already invested. Making space to finish is an act of respect, for yourself and your work.

Prayer: Help me honor the time needed to complete what I’ve begun.

One Thing at a Time

Scripture: “Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”
Hebrews 12:1

Reflection: Focus is a form of faith. When you give your full attention to one next step, you quiet distraction and strengthen endurance. Renewal often happens through steady, faithful progress.

Prayer: Help me stay present and focused on what You’ve set before me.

I hope this is a helpful devotional for you as a creative! You can read blog posts about crafting, creating, vintage, and more over on my website.