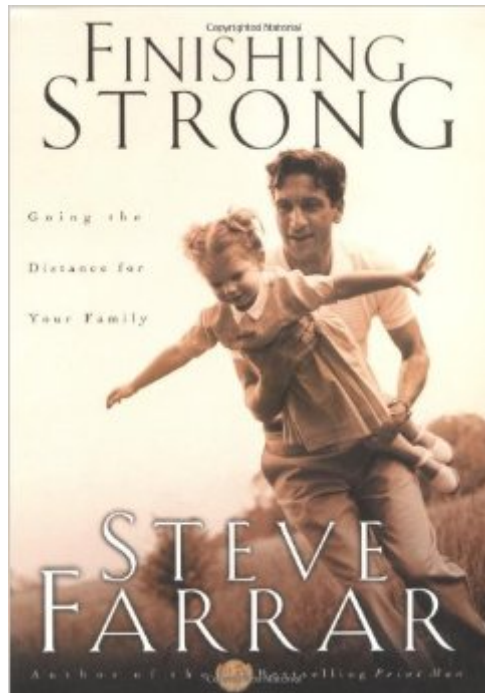


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# Finishing Strong: Going The Distance For Your Family



## Synopsis

Bestselling author Steve Farrar has good news for the average man: it doesn't matter if you've had a great start in the Christian life, or a rough one. It doesn't matter if you've stumbled time and again, or even fallen flat on your face. What matters most in this all-important race of life is how you finish. According to Farrar, the man who hangs in there for the long haul with his wife, his kids, and his Lord is an exception these days. *Finishing Strong*, now in trade paperback, offers lively use of Scripture, contemporary illustrations, and study questions to equip every reader to be that exception. For the man who wants to climb the character ladder more than the corporate one, this is an essential tool.

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Farrar's title is an excellent encouragement for those who desire a strong finish to their lives. Among the points Farrar covers include:

1. The qualification for ministry is proven character.
2. Be careful of relationships with other women.
3. God's success radically differs from the world's definition of success.
4. Do not let a busy lifestyle come between you and your relationship with God.
5. Uninterrupted success for a prolonged period of time can result in a dangerous form of pride.
6. Characteristics of people who think they are leaders but are not.
7. God will use our times of unemployment, obscurity, waiting, and loneliness to mold us into the people He wants us to be.
8. God can use the failures and disappointments of our lives to mold us into His likeness.

All in all, a good and recommended read!

Next to the Bible, "Finishing Strong" yields more insight and common sense on people (in particular men) than any book I have ever read. My wife and I treasure the time we spent reading and discussing this book. You'll not only learn a great deal about yourself, you will learn a considerable amount about the character of God. I highly recommend "Finishing Strong."

Farrar loves to tell stories and he's got tons of them. Each chapter starts with a story that grabs your imagination. His practical advice to help you finish strong is almost always right on. This is a quick read, there's not too much dense reasoning or complicated concepts. Very accessible. My problem is that Farrar takes excellent practical advice and tries to wrap a Bible story around it. Sometimes this works very well, like with Uzziah from 2 Chronicles, sometimes it feels very forced, like with Diotrephes from 2 John, and sometimes it is clearly wrong as when he said that David didn't finish well. I feel that if Farrar could just make his points and not always feel like he needed to cloak them in scripture the book would have been much better. My point is that the Old Testament is about Jesus (Luke 24:27, John 5:39, 1 Cor. 10, etc.) and yet Farrar treats it as if it is about how we should behave. At the end of each chapter I found myself asking where Jesus was in any of this. Often, it felt like he was on the sidelines watching rather than before the throne of God interceding. Theological quibbles and all, it is not a bad book and an encouragement to press on toward the finish.

Steve's book is one of the most influential pieces of Christian writing I've ever read. It is terrifying to think how easily men can "screw up" their own lives, and the lives of their families. And yet, God's word clearly points to ways in which such screw ups can be avoided. This book has caused profound change in my outlook and behaviour and I have used it effectively with men's groups. You will not be disappointed!

I already have this book. This one I purchased this for the son of one my friends. The son is in prison. I am praying that the text of this book will inspire him to maintain faith and hope and move him to better himself while incarcerated.

I wasn't sure if this book would be entertaining or another book that made me feel guilty for all of the things I wasn't doing. That was not the case, however! This book is written for humans - specifically human men, but my wife also read it and loved it. The idea of finishing strong had never occurred to

me, but it became apparent as I read the book how important it really is. If you're not moving forward, you're moving backwards, and this book illustrates that and gives examples of significant people in history and how they have maintained forward momentum and people we have never heard of who really were off to such a great start at such a fast pace that they should be some of the most well-known figures in history, but they got derailed and did not finish strong. This is great for every person, every man especially, to get ahold of and understand how to simply move forward. I appreciate so much that this book was well written so it does not make anyone feel bad, yet wants you to become better! Thank you Steve Farrar for a great book!

Steve's book is perfect for Men's Study Groups. Beginning with his typical attention-getting punch he shows you what must be done. Gentlemen: Start your engines!

I highly recommend this book for men. I've read this & gone through it with other men numerous times in a one-on-one setting as well as teaching from it in a classroom environment. It is an invaluable resource that provides that "spiritual alignment" that we need from time to time. Should be required reading for Christian men!

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