

V Victory

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The greatest single need in the personal life of a believer is that of *VICTORY* — not simply a victory here and there, but the experiencing of a consistent, daily, victorious Christian life. Sadly, so many of God’s children live defeated lives.

You have been saved for some time now. You have been working through these lessons for many weeks. Now, ask yourself this question: “*Am I living victoriously?*” Please be honest with yourself before God.

If you are defeated, or if your life consists of a roller coaster path of spiritual “ups and downs,” this lesson will be of immense value to you. But studying it and understanding it will not be enough — it *must* be **applied!**

DOES GOD WANT HIS CHILDREN TO HAVE VICTORY?

A. From *John 10:10^b*, I see the Lord wants me to have an A_____ life.

B. From *Psalms 16:11*, I see the Lord intends me to experience F_____ of J_____.

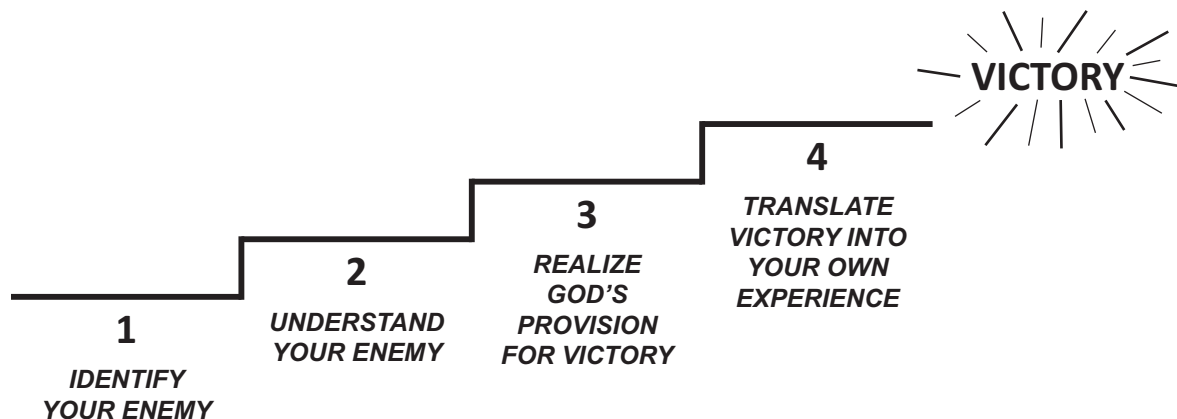
C. According to *John 8:31-32*, I see the Lord intends the truth (His Word) not only to *make* me His disciple (salvation), but also to make me F_____.

This freedom from sin does not mean the *absence* of sin, but, as *Romans 6:14^a* declares, freedom from the _____ (*power*) of sin.

D. From these scriptures, would you say the Lord wants me to experience a life of victory? _____

STEPS TO VICTORY IN YOUR LIFE

A. To enable you to enjoy the victorious life, the following steps (shown by the diagram following) need to be understood:



B. The Bible teaches there are *THREE* enemies you will face as a child of God, each seeking to rob you of the joy of the Lord.

These three enemies are the:

 **WORLD**  **FLESH**  **DEVIL**

We will now take each one of these enemies and apply the four steps to victory.

HOW TO HAVE VICTORY OVER THE “WORLD”

A. IDENTIFY YOUR ENEMY:

When the Bible speaks of the “world” in the context of opposition to you, it is **not** referring to God’s creation but to the “world system,” which is organized on selfish principles, improper motives, ungodly standards, and which is opposed to the will of God.

1. Jesus said His _____ is not of this _____ — *John 18:36*.
2. Jesus said the world system would _____ the Christian, just as it did Him — *John 15:18*.
3. Jesus also said the believer is not _____ the _____ — *John 15:19*.
This does not mean we are to shut ourselves away and shun any contact with the world. (We are *IN* the world, but not *OF* the world.)
4. According to *James 4:4*, a worldly-minded, worldly-absorbed Christian is at _____ with God.
5. Look up: *I John 2:15*. When a Christian loves the world and what it has to offer, he or she cannot love the _____ as he or she ought (*Matthew 22:37*).

6. In the light of these scriptures, would you say there is *any* common ground between God and the world, upon which the believer may safely stand?
See: Matthew 6:24.

YES NO

B. UNDERSTAND YOUR ENEMY:

1. How does the “world” attack the Christian? Answer: It *ENTICES* or distracts the Christian away from the Lord.
2. Read: I John 2:15-17. According to *verse 16*, what are three ways the world will attempt to entice you?
 - a. The _____ of the _____ — a desire to DO something.
 - b. The _____ of the _____ — a desire to HAVE something.
 - c. The _____ of _____ — a desire to BE something.
3. According to *verse 15*, what is it that the “world” seeks to gain from you?
 My _____.

C. REALIZE GOD’S PROVISION FOR VICTORY:

1. Look up: John 16:33. What did Jesus say to encourage His disciples?
 “Be of _____, I HAVE (not “will”) _____ the world.”
2. The Lord Jesus Christ has already won the victory for you! He said so!

D. TRANSLATE CHRIST’S VICTORY INTO YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE:

It’s all very well to believe the Lord Jesus has won our victory over the world, but you and I need to appropriate that victory into our own lives so that we, too, can be overcomers.

Here’s how:

1. Acknowledge you are on the victory side.
 - a. *I John 5:5* — Who is He that overcometh the world?
 “_____ that Jesus is the _____.”
 - b. Have you believed on the Lord Jesus Christ? _____
2. Claim your victory by FAITH.
 - a. *I John 5:4* — “...and this is the victory that overcometh the _____, even our _____.”
 - b. What is faith? Faith is believing what God says in His Word and acting upon it — total reliance upon God.

3. Always endeavor to do the will of God.

“The world _____ away: but he that doeth the _____ of _____ abideth _____” — *I John 2:17*.

4. Set your affections on heavenly things.

If your thoughts are consumed with worldly desires, you will be easily enticed. It is important to be spiritually minded.

a. *Colossians 3:1* — “Seek those things which are _____.”

b. *Colossians 3:2* — “Set your _____ on things above.”

c. *Matthew 6:21* — “For where your _____ is, there will your _____ be also.”

List the eight things given in *Philippians 4:8* that should be the focus of the believer’s mind (thought life):

“*Whatsoever things are...*

_____ of _____
_____ ...*think on these things.*”

HOW TO HAVE VICTORY OVER THE “FLESH”

A. IDENTIFY YOUR ENEMY:

1. When the Bible speaks of the “flesh” in the context of an entity that opposes you, it is **not** referring to your literal flesh and blood body, but to the old sin nature — the “*old man*,” the corrupt Adamic nature — that belongs to all men.

a. According to *II Peter 1:4^b*, when you were saved, you were made a _____ of the _____ nature. However, your old sin nature was *NOT* removed.

b. In the flesh (your old nature) dwelleth _____ — according to *Romans 7:18*.

2. As a Christian, you have *TWO NATURES* — the **flesh** and the **spirit**; the **old** and the **new**; the **sinful** and the **divine**.

B. UNDERSTAND YOUR ENEMY:

How does the “flesh” attack the Christian? Answer: It produces *CONFLICT* and inner turmoil. It cooperates with the world and the Devil.

1. According to *Romans 7:21*, what did the apostle Paul discover about himself?

2. Using your own words, how does *Galatians 5:17* describe this conflict?

3. Where is the “battleground” for this conflict, according to *Romans 7:23*?
It is in the M__ __ — the decision-making faculty of the soul (see: *Proverbs 23:7^{ab}* with *Proverbs 4:23*).

C. REALIZE GOD’S PROVISION FOR YOUR VICTORY:

1. What was Paul’s questioning cry, recorded in *Romans 7:24*?
“Who shall _ _ _ _ _ me... ?”
2. What is the answer to this question, discovered by Paul and recorded in *Romans 7:25^a*?
“I thank God _ _ _ _ _
our _ _ _ _ .”
3. Yes, the Lord Jesus Christ has won the victory over the flesh for you!

D. TRANSLATE CHRIST’S VICTORY INTO YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE:

1. *Galatians 5:16* — we must “_ _ _ _ in the _ _ _ _ .”
2. *II Corinthians 5:7* — this means we are to “walk by _ _ _ _ .”

These scriptures show the importance of walking daily with Jesus in His Word.

3. *Romans 13:14* — “But _ _ _ _ the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not _ _ _ _ for the _ _ _ _ to fulfill the lusts thereof.”

This verse instructs you to “**blockade the flesh**” — don’t feed it!

4. Recognize your position in Christ.
 - a. My old nature (flesh) has been C__ __ __ __ __ — *Galatians 5:24*.
 - b. *Galatians 2:20* — “I am _ _ _ _ _ with Christ...”
 - c. *Romans 6:6* — My old man (nature) is _ _ _ _ _ with Christ.

This is a **fact**. Your old Adamic nature was dealt a death blow when it was crucified with Christ. However, crucifixion is a slow and painful death, and the inner conflict you experience is that of a doomed enemy still trying to raise its ugly head and control your life.

5. Reckon this fact into reality each day of your life. Write out: Romans 6:11.

6. According to *I Peter 2:11*, you are to _____ from fleshly lusts.

HOW TO HAVE VICTORY OVER THE “DEVIL”

A. IDENTIFY YOUR ENEMY:

1. Before going on, review Study #5, which deals in more detail with Satan.
2. According to *I Peter 5:8*, the Devil is your _____.

B. UNDERSTAND YOUR ENEMY:

How does Satan attack the Christian? Answer: He uses a variety of *DEVICES* to attack us. See: *II Corinthians 2:11*.

1. He uses T_____ION — *I Thessalonians 3:5*. Satan is a master at using the world to entice you.
2. He uses W_____ — *Ephesians 6:11b*. These are “crafty deceptions.”
3. He uses P_____ — *I Timothy 3:6*. Satan will appeal to the ego.
4. He uses D_____MENT. Read: *Deuteronomy 1:21,28*.
5. He uses F_____D_____ of opposition — *Ephesians 6:16*.

C. REALIZE GOD’S PROVISION FOR YOUR VICTORY:

1. For what purpose was Jesus Christ manifested, according to *I John 3:8^b*?

2. According to *Hebrews 2:14*, by what means did the Lord Jesus Christ defeat Satan?

3. Yes, the Lord Jesus Christ has won the victory over the Devil for you!

D. TRANSLATE CHRIST’S VICTORY INTO YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE:

1. Always remember that you are on the winning (victorious) side.
“Greater is he that is _____, than he that is in the _____” — *I John 4:4*.
2. We overcome the Wicked One when the _____ of _____ abides in us — *I John 2:14*.

3. You are to put on the _____ of God — *Ephesians 6:13*.
4. Write out the *DEFENSIVE* items of this spiritual armor listed in *Ephesians 6:14-18*.

5. What part of this armor of God is *OFFENSIVE*, i.e., that with which we may fight? _____
6. According to *James 4:7*, we are to _____ Satan and he will _____ from us.
7. According to *1 Peter 5:9*, we are to resist him steadfast in the _____.
8. According to *Ephesians 4:27*, we are to give *NO* _____ to the Devil.

THE PROMISE OF VICTORY

- A. *Romans 8:37* reminds us that “In _____ these things we are more than _____.”
- B. In *1 Corinthians 15:57* we read, “But thanks be to God which _____ us the _____.”
- C. *II Corinthians 2:14* — “Now thanks be unto God, which _____ causeth us to _____.”
- D. *Philippians 4:13* — “I _____ do _____.”

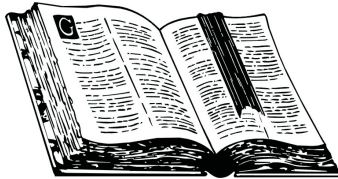
THE PERSON OF VICTORY

- A. *Romans 8:37* — “...through _____ that _____ us.”
- B. *I Corinthians 15:57* — “...through our _____.”
- C. *II Corinthians 2:14* — “...in _____.”
- D. *Philippians 4:13* — “...through _____ which _____ me.”

THE PATH OF VICTORY

Did you notice??

As you studied the *Steps to Victory* over the **world**, the **flesh**, and the **Devil**, there was a common theme in translating Christ's victory into your own experience:



GOD'S WORD

+

FAITH

=

VICTORY

*Believing God's
Word and putting
it into practice in
your life.*

A. What will hiding God's Word in your heart do for you — according to *Psalm 119:9,11*?

B. What two disciplines does *Matthew 26:41* exhort us to implement to keep us from falling into temptation? See also: *Colossians 4:2* and *I Peter 4:7*.

We are to _____ and _____ .

I Corinthians 16:13

I Thessalonians 5:17

I Thessalonians 5:6

Jude 20

MEMORIZATION:

Try and commit to memory: *I Corinthians 10:13*.