

Victory (Part 2)

Lesson 4- Spiritual Discipleship and Growth

Intro: The greatest single need in the personal lives of the majority of Christians is that of VICTORY- not simply a victory here and there, but the experiencing of a consistent, daily, victorious Christian life. Sadly, so many believers are living defeated lives.

Whether you have been saved for some time now or whether you are newly born again. 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 will not be enough- it must be **APPLIED!!**

Steps to victory in your life.

A. To enable you to enjoy the victorious life, the following steps need to be understood:

1. Identify your enemy
2. Understand your enemy
3. Realize God's provision for victory
4. Translate Christ's victory into your own experience

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

The three enemies are the:

World – Flesh - Devil

Now using our same approach to last week's lesson let's look at how to have victory of the "FLESH"

How to have Victory over the "Flesh"

A. Identify your enemy:

1. When the Bible speaks of the "flesh" in the context of opposition to you, it is not referring to your literal body. It is speaking of that old sin nature, the "old man" the corrupt Adamic nature which belongs to all men.

According to 2 Peter 1:4b, when you were saved, you were made a _____ of the _____ nature.

However, the old sin nature was NOT removed.

Romans 7:18 In the flesh (your old nature) dwelleth _____.

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 7:12, what did the apostle Paul discover?

2. How does Galatians 5:17 describe this conflict? _____

3. According to Romans 7:23, where does this conflict take place?

In the _____.

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C. Realize God's Provision for your victory:

1. What was Paul's question in Romans 7:24? "*Who shall _____ me...?*"

2. Write out the answer to Paul's questions in Romans 7:25a.

"I _____ Lord."

D. Translate Christ's victory into your own experience:

1. Galatians 5:16 "*_____ in the _____*"

2. 2 Corinthians 5:7 "*For we walk by _____.*"

These Scriptures show the importance of walking constantly with the Lord 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

Galatians 5:24 My old nature (flesh) has been _____.

Galatians 2:20 "*I am _____ with Christ...*"

Romans 6:6 My old man is _____ with Christ.

This is a **fact**. Your old Adamic nature was dealt a death blow when it was crucified with Christ, but crucifixion is a slow and painful death, and what you experience in the inner conflict is 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 _____

Reckon: Greek word- Logizomai: Means to put together with one's mind, to occupy oneself with reckonings or calculations.

6. According to 1 Peter 2:11, you are to _____ from fleshly lusts.

Closing:

Remember that God wants us to have a victorious life!

John 10:10b "*... The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*"

Psalm 16:11 "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

The key is "*In thy presence*"

Next week we will look at our final enemy: The Devil

Put to practice what you have learned