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The greatest single need in the lives of the majority of Christians is that of **VICTORY!** Not simply a victory here and there, but the experiencing of consistent, daily, victorious living. Sadly, so many believers are living defeated lives.

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

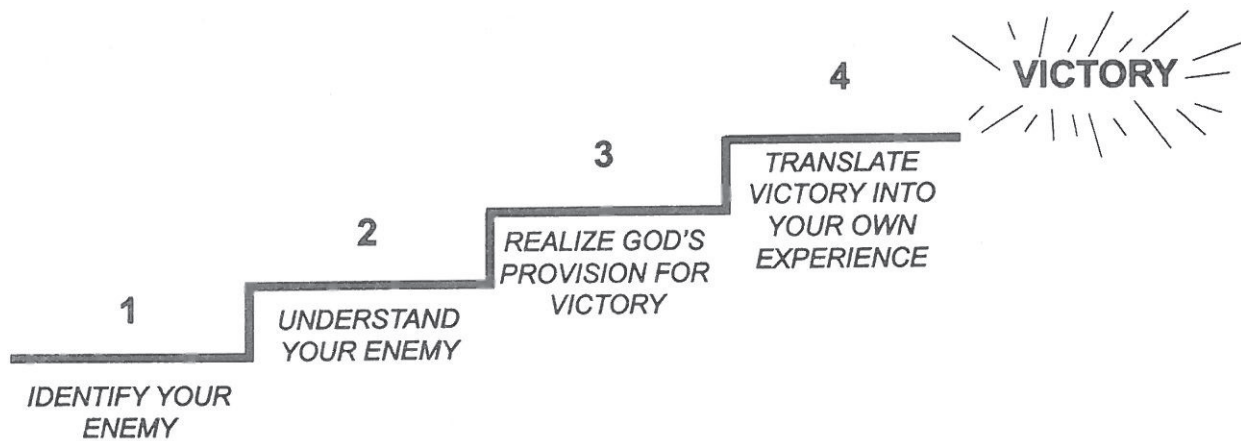
If you are defeated, or if your life consists of a roller coaster path of spiritual “ups and downs,” this lesson will be of immense value to you. But studying it will not be enough — it *must* be **applied!**

DOES GOD WANT HIS CHILDREN TO HAVE VICTORY?

- A. According to *John 10:10b*, the Lord wants me to have an A _ _ _ _ _ life.
- B. According to *Psalms 16:11*, the Lord intends me to experience F _ _ _ _ _ of J _ _ .
- C. According to *John 8:31,32*, the Lord intends the truth (His Word) to make you His disciple (salvation) — but also to M _ _ _ you F _ _ _ .
- This freedom from sin does not mean the absence of sin — but as *Romans 6:14* says, freedom from the power of sin.
- D. Does God want 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 on the diagram below, 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 is opposed to the things of God.

1. Jesus said His _____ is not of this _____. *John 18:36.*

2. Jesus said the world system would _____ the Christian 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 from any worldly contact. We are *IN* the world, but not *OF* the world.

4. According to *James 4:4*, for a Christian to be worldly only brings _____ with God.

5. In the light of these Scriptures, do you think there is any common ground between God and the world upon which the believer may stand?

 See: *Matthew 6:24*.
6. According to *II Timothy 4:10*, what happens to a Christian when he or she is defeated by the world? _____

B. Understand Your Enemy.

1. How does the "world" attack the Christian? Answer: It *ENTICES* the Christian away from the Lord.
2. Look up *I John 2:15-17*. According to *verse 16*, what are three ways the world will attempt to entice you?
 - a. The _____ of the _____ .
 - b. The _____ of the _____ .
 - c. The _____ of _____ .
3. According to *verse 15*, what is it 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 His disciples?
 "Be of _____ , I have _____
 the world."
2. The Lord Jesus Christ said He has won the victory for you!

D. Translate Christ's Victory Into Your Own Experience.

It's all very well to see that the Lord Jesus won the victory over the world, but you and I need to appropriate this 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. Are you a believer 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 simply believing what God says in His Word and acting upon it — total reliance upon God.
3. Do the will of God always.
 “The world _____ away: but he that doeth the _____ of _____ abideth _____.” *I John 2:17*
4. Set your affections on heavenly things.
 If you think about worldly things, wrong things, etc., you will be easily enticed.
- 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.”

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 — but to the old sin nature, the “*old man*,” the corrupt Adamic nature which belongs to all men.
 - a. When you were saved, you were made a _____ of the _____ nature, *II Peter 1:4b*, but the old sin nature was **NOT** removed.
 - b. In the flesh (your old nature) dwelleth _____ . *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? _____

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

3. According to *Romans 7:23*, where does this conflict take place?
In the M _ _ _ .

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 question in *Romans 7:25a*. "I _____
_____ Lord."
The Lord Jesus Christ has won the victory for you.

D. Translate Christ's Victory Into Your Own Experience.

1. *Galatians 5:16* — " _ _ _ _ in the _ _ _ _ _ ."
2. *II 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 fulfil the lusts thereof."
This verse teaches you to "**blockade the flesh**" — don't feed it.
4. Recognize your position in Christ.
 - a. *Galatians 5:24* — My old nature (flesh) has been C _ _ _ _ _ .
 - b. *Galatians 2:20* — "I am _ _ _ _ _ with Christ..."
 - c. *Romans 6:6* — My old man (the flesh) is _ _ _ _ _ with Christ.

This is a **fact**. Your old 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*.

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 number of *DEVICES* to attack us. See: *II Corinthians 2:11*.

1. He uses T _ _ _ TATION – *I Thessalonians 3:5*. Satan is a master at using the world to entice you.
2. He uses W _ _ _ _ _ – *Ephesians 6:11b*. This means crafty deception.
3. He uses P _ _ _ _ _ – *I Timothy 3:6*. Satan will appeal to the flesh.
4. He uses discouragement. See: *Deuteronomy 1:21,28*.
5. He uses F _ _ _ _ _ of opposition – *Ephesians 6:16*.

C. Realize God's Provision For Your Victory.

1. What was the reason the Lord Jesus Christ came? *I John 3:8b* _____

2. How did the Lord Jesus defeat Satan? *Hebrews 2:14*. _____

D. Translate Christ's Victory Into Your Own Experience.

1. Remember you are on the winning side – *I John 4:4*. "Greater is he that is _ _ _ _ _ , than he that is in the _ _ _ _ _ ."
2. According to *I John 2:14*, we overcome the Wicked One when the _ _ _ _ _ of _ _ _ _ _ abides in us.
3. You are to put on the _ _ _ _ _ of God – *Ephesians 6:13*.
4. List the *DEFENSIVE* items of this spiritual armor as listed in *Ephesians 6:14-18*.

5. What is the part of this armor of God that is *OFFENSIVE*; i.e., with which we may fight? _____
6. According to *James 4:7*, we are to _____ Satan.
7. According to *Ephesians 4:27*, we are to give *NO* _____ to the Devil.

THE PROMISE OF VICTORY.

- A. *Romans 8:37* – “In _____ these things we are more than _____.”
- B. *I Corinthians 15:57* – “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 _____ things...”

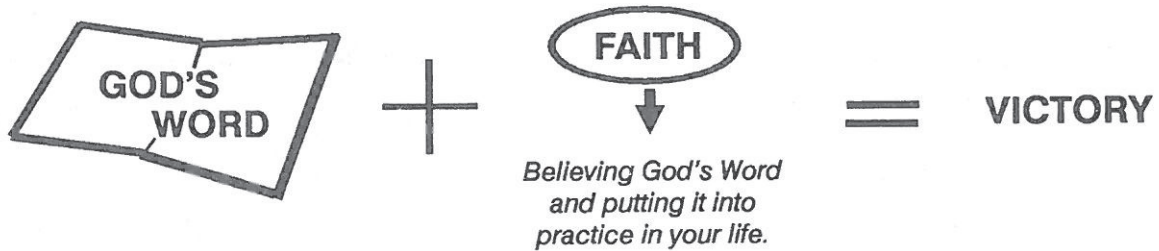
THE PERSON OF VICTORY.

- A. *Romans 8:37* – “...through _____ that loved 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 to translate the victory into your own experience:



- A. According to *Psalm 119:9,11*, what will hiding God's Word in your heart do for you? _____
- B. According to *Matthew 26:41*, what two things should we do to avoid falling into temptation?
_____ and _____.

MEMORIZATION:

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