



~ Living Victoriously ~

"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" - Jeremiah 17:9

How often we seem to be led by our feelings and desires more than the knowledge God gives us through His Word on how to act and respond to various life issues! It seems especially difficult today as we have surrounded ourselves with all sorts of media and people who relay the message that self gratification is good. We have come to believe very highly of ourselves and trust our own intuition and ideas more than we should.

The war against our flesh is a strong, fierce battle. This war cannot be waged in a mambie, pambie fashion. It is not for the weak. If we wish to move past our self sufficiency stronghold, we have to stop relying on our own power and what we think we know. "For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds." - 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

God's Word has and always will have the power to overcome our strongest vices. But how does this happen? How do we move beyond attempted failures to clear victories?

1. **Surrender our will (heart) to Jesus.** We need to realize we have absolutely nothing but evil within ourselves. If left on our own, we would self destruct. We need to surrender our understandings and beliefs before our Father and accept His invitation to enter into our hearts and change them into His own.
2. **Claim the Word of God.** "Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires." - 2 Peter 1:4 Ask for guidance to find the right scripture promise that fits your needs. Post them everywhere, your bathroom mirror, your car, your fridge, your door - wherever you need to in order to remember God's promise to set you free.
3. **Get radical about obedience.** "Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you." - James 1:21 Satan has a lot of vices to distract us and keep us in bondage. If he can gain access to our minds, he has a greater chance of success. Media (mediums) is the best way for him to get there, videos, movies, music, games, TV, etc. All these are areas where thoughts can be planted. Get rid of ANYTHING that seems to pull you down and make your thoughts

wander. You need to get radical in your fight to guard the battlefield of your mind. That is the ultimate playing ground for the enemy. Once you remove the channels satan is feeding into, you will see yourself moving into victory at a much more consistent pace.

4. **Pray, pray, and pray some more!!** “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” - Ephesians 6:18 God will deliver as He has promised. Never forget to ask for help when you need.

God is faithful who has called you. He will deliver you and make you a new person in Him. Trust Him today for the deliverance you need. Your feelings will never get you there, but walking in what you know thru the power of Jesus will set you free.

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