

Victory over Sin

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- In my Life

Galatians 5:16-21

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

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19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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- **But God intends for us to have victory over sin**

Genesis 4:7

If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

How to Be Victorious over Sin

- **Be Alert!**

1 Peter 5:8-9

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.
9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

How to Be Victorious over Sin

- Be Alert!
- **Be Armed!**

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 **Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.** 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore **take up the whole armor of God,** that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Ephesians 6:10-18

14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

Ephesians 6:10-18

15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

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16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

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17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

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18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--

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- Sword Practice

1 Samuel 17:38-39

So Saul clothed David with his armor, and he put a bronze helmet on his head; he also clothed him with a coat of mail. 39 David fastened his sword to his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested them. And David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them." So David took them off.

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- Act Quickly

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Stages of Sin

- Desire
- Temptation
- Sin
- Death

Act Quickly!

- Desire
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- Anticipate and Avoid Temptation (Rom. 13:14)
- Recognize and Resist (Eph. 6:10-18)
- Repent, confess and obtain forgiveness (1 John 1:9)
- While there is life there is hope.

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- **Don't Be Alone!**

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. .. 12
Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

James 5:16

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Galatians 6:1-2

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Hebrews 12:11-13

Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. 12 Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

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1 Corinthians 15:56-58

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. **57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.** **58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

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