

Victorious Living Study Guide

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God has provided the way for us to live in victory in all areas of life. He has accomplished this through His son Jesus Christ. The work has been done but it is up to the individual to receive and live in the reality of that redemption. This study guide is a practical way to grow in this eternal truth.

The Word Of God sets forth all the truth of our victory in Christ. Victory is all about Jesus, and Jesus is all about seeing His victory being established in your life. It is our responsibility to study and apply all the principals to our life. The Holy Spirit has been given to us to be our teacher and guide us into the truth. *John 16:13* *13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He makes the word a living reality in our heart if we let Him.*

A christian is an anointed representative of Jesus Christ to be and minister like Him. A christian should be filled with His Word and power and motivated with a heart full of the love of God. A christian should be an example and bold witness of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. With the authority of God the christian goes forth to build the Kingdom of God through proclaiming and exalting Christ.

Prayer- Lord make your word a living reality in my life today lead me into victory in every area of my life.

(Biblical Prayer)

Ephesians 1:17 God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Principal One

Understanding our identity, position and seating in Christ.

The believer is in Christ through the new birth. The sin nature is gone and we become identified

before God as pure and clean with direct access to His presence.

Something supernatural happened when we become a part of the family of God. Our position is established with God on his very own throne. *Ephesians 2 : 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, Compare this with Ephesians 1:21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.*

Confession—I have been seated with Christ Jesus in the Heavenly places far above every power and authority of satan. I am delivered from the kingdom of darkness and transferred into the kingdom of the Son he loves. I have a new position in Christ with new authority.

Principal Two

Use our God given authority

God delegates His authority to us to use as His body on earth. Jesus has it and gave it to the church to represent Him here as His ambassadors. The name of Jesus is the highest name and commands the highest authority. The absolute authority of almighty God. Faith in the name releases that authority in the earth.

Philippians 2.-9-10

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall should bow,of those on earth ,and those under the earth , and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Mark 16. 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

Act's 3. 6 But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!”

John 14. 12 “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. 13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Principal 3

A. The indwelling Christ

One of the most wonderful truths for believers is that Christ is in reality living in them. The bible calls this a glorious mystery that was hidden from those in the past ages before God revealed this to His church. We must never forget how privileged we are to have the living Christ abide in us. This truth will be fully seen and we will be like Him. *Colossians 1:26-27*

the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. 27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

The Bible declares that it is no longer I that lives but Christ lives in me. *Galatians 2:20*

20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

It is a life of faith in Jesus the Son Of God. Faith that His word is true and that He lives in us and can live His life through us. He can speak through us love through us minister things to others through us. We believe in it as revealed in the Word and meditate on this amazing and life transforming truth.

Because Christ is in us we have *unlimited power working in our life's. Ephesians 3:20*

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Greater authority than our opposition *1 John 4:4 You are from God little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who lives in you than He who lives in the world.*

An unending supply of wisdom! *1 Corinthians 2:16 b But we have the mind of Christ*

It is an amazing journey of grace that the believer in Christ is on. Many find their life's a total mess when they start their Christian life. Often people have serious addictions and difficult relationship problems. Many are in prison, or some mental or emotional bondage. God is right their helping and leading into the wonderful and glorious plan He has for all of us, through all the difficulties and challenges of life. When we do the wrong thing I have found Him to be very merciful to get us going on the right path again. *1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

One of the main things the Lord wants to do with us is to conform us into the image of Christ. This is the eternal plan of God for the life of the believer. *Romans 8:29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son,*

We become more like Jesus through the Holy Spirit working in our life's. It is only as we yield to His

mighty power that this amazing transformation takes place. Our heart is the garden where the word of God produces the fruit of the Spirit. *Galatians 5.22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

The more we allow Jesus to be number one in our life's the less place the enemy has to operate. *Ephesians 4.27 Neither give place to the devil.* When our desires become godly we loose interest in those thing the enemy was using to hurt us. When I was much younger I struggled with using drugs. For many years now this is no problem with me because I have no desire for that at all. This can apply to any area of our life we allow Christ to be formed in us. He never wants to sin or not be loving. The more our devotion and focus is on worshiping and being the Lord's disciple the less attraction we have to those things that are perverse,ungodly and destructive.

Being like Jesus is having the same attitude He had in His service to others through humility and obedience to His calling to be the Savior of the world.

Philippians 2. 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Our glorious hope is that one day we will be like Jesus. *1 John 3. 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.*

Prayer- Lord help me by your mighty power make me more like Jesus.

Principal 4

The Living Word

When the word becomes alive in you victory is what happens. Jesus is the Word Of God the total sum of it the Logos

When you spend time in the presence of God , study, meditate and make the word the number one priority in your life the word becomes alive in you.

Hebrews 4.12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and

intentions of the heart.

Let His word fill your heart and flow out of your mouth in faith. The spoken word (rhema) is the word the Holy spirit makes alive in us and we speak it in faith and see the victory that God has provided become a reality in our life's. It is the part of Christ that we need for the moment or specific need.

Confession- The word is working God the Holy Spirit is making it alive in every part of my life.

John 8.31-32 "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Principal 5

Living In The Reality Of Our Redemption

We have been redeemed from the enemy and the effects of sin and the curse of the broken law. If we understand the new covenant we will be in a position to live victorious. The blessings of the new covenant are immeasurable but they must be received through knowing what they are and activating them through faith.

God has gone to the greatest expense to provide us with redemption. He gave us His absolute best Jesus His only Son.

There is a great exchange in redemption we give Jesus our sin , guilt and shame we receive His righteousness , relationship with God as His children and eternal life. In this exchange we have been given all the best He could ever offer.

Our requirement is that Jesus Christ is our Lord in a real and living way. Christians must not play lip service to Jesus being our Lord. Though we are not perfect we can receive forgiveness when we need it and grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus everyday. When we due miss it we get it right and keep walking with the Lord. It is imperative that we stay in fellowship with the Body Of Christ and not let the Devil separate us from the flock and devour us.

Our covenant with God is a holy solemn agreement established through the depth of the suffering of his son. We must understand that the agony that Jesus experienced being separated from Father God was for us. Jesus bore the penalty of sin for us so we would not have to. He did it in our place.

Such amazing love should capture our heart and compel us to sincere service to our Lord.

We are the redeemed we have been made to be a victorious people we should live in the light of our redemption and sing the overcoming song of the redeemed and live as overcomers. Jesus lives he has paid the price for our complete redemption we overcome by the blood of the lamb and the word of our testimony.

Titus 2.14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a

people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

1 Peter 1.18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors,

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Principal 6

The Spirit Of Freedom

The cry of God's heart is for us to be free.

Romans 8.21 Because the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

The Holy Spirit is a Spirit of liberty He is always leading us into Freedom through Jesus and out of the bondage of the world, the flesh and the devil. If we will follow His leading we will live victoriously.

2 Corinthians 3.17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

We can walk in the spirit, live out of our recreated human spirit where God lives in us. It is the high life we can do it one step at a time.

As a parent is thrilled with a small child learning to walk, God is pleased when we began to take our first steps in new life in Christ. The main key is keep walking and when you stumble get up and walk some more God is merciful but do not stop walking.

Galatians 5.25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

One of the best ways to enjoy our liberty is to live a life of worship. It is amazing what happens when we began to praise and worship the Lord. Many times the chains just began to fall off of us as we enter God's presence with thanksgiving praise and worship. Worship creates an atmosphere of liberty for the Holy Spirit to move. True worship exalts Christ and gets the focus off our problems and situations and on Him. And remember the Victory for our life is in Jesus.

Ephesians 5. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; 20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

Principal 7

The Armour Of God

We are soldiers in the Army Of The Lord. God has provided a mighty suit of armor to protect the

believer against the enemy and to have the equipment to enforce the victory of Jesus Christ in the earth. It is necessary to be fully clothed in the armor of God and to courageously go forth and be victorious in this powerful provision provided for the believer. It is critical to our survival to not attempt to face the battlefield of life without our armor on.

2 Corinthians 10.3-4

*For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. **4**For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.*

Ephesians 6.10-20

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. **11**Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. **12**For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil 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 firm. **14**Stand therefore, having fastened on the **belt of truth**, and having put on the **breastplate of righteousness**, **15**and, as **shoes for your feet**, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. **16**In all circumstances take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; **17**and take the **helmet of salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God, **18**praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, **19**and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, **20**for which I am an **ambassador in chains**, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.*

Conclusion – My prayer is that everyone who reads this study guide would continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. My strong encouragement is to meditate on these principals. Keep them in your heart and continue to speak the word of God over your life and loved ones.

We can and should enjoy the *glorious liberty of the children of God* as believers.

Commit to The Lordship Of Jesus Christ

Put The Word First Place In Your Life

Stay In Fellowship with other Believers and enjoy the victorious life God has provided for you.