

# Victorious in The Gospel

## The Gospel of The Kingdom - Week 9

1 John 5:4 “Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”

- I. Victory = achievement of mastery or success in a struggle or endeavor against odds or difficulties.
  - A. Every victory involves a struggle or fight.
    1. Some external, and some internal
    2. 1 Tim. 6:11-12
      - a) take note that Paul tells him to lay hold of eternal life (vs. 12), and then tells him to keep that command until the appearing of Jesus (vs. 14)
        - (1) In other words, we can work towards laying hold of eternal life on this side of eternity!
      - b) “Flee these things...” - in comparison to trying to live as close to the line of sin as we can. trying to get away with as much as we can and still be “safe”.
      - c) “Fight the good fight... lay hold on...” - It takes effort and work. There is a struggle involved.
    3. Can you think of any external victories that you have experienced? Internal?
  - B. A life of victory is not a life without temptation or trials, but a life that is empowered to overcome them.
    1. James 1:2-4 - Its the victories over challenges that grow us.
    2. Romans 6:12-14
      - a) “Let not sin ...reign...” God does not command us to do things without also supplying the power for us to do it! - Faith comes by hearing - Romans 10:17
        - (1) You can do this! Because you are under grace, and have access to the power/ Spirit of God (The Gospel).
        - (2) your under grace right now. You don’t have to wait!
      - b) We are free from and have power over sin. The effects of sin were death, sickness, disease, the curse, etc. what should the effects of being out from under sin be?
        - (1) Galatians 3:13-14
    3. It’s worth the fight
      - a) Why? because we were designed for kingship and victory!
        - (1) We are like checker pieces.
          - (a) Marion Tinsley - A mathematician and world champion checkers player. Chose to compete with the Chinook computer program. Tinsley saw the win 64 moves into the future when Chinook made a mistake and he said, “you’re going to regret that.”
          - (2) Every checker piece is made with a crown on it, because every piece is designed to become a king. It just depends on where and how you move them.

C. We are not working out of our own victory, but out of Jesus' victory.

1. Jesus said "...be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." - John 16:33

a) I didn't overcome the world, He did!

## II. Recognize the Enemy

A. John 10:10 - Ask yourself; "is this bringing life? or is this bringing death?"

B. Try the spirits - 1 John 4:1

1. 2 Tim. 1:7 - "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and love, and of a sound mind."

C. Know the will of God.

1. Eph. 5:15-20

2. Hebrews 5:13-14

D. Know Your Weaknesses

1. James 1:14 - "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed."

E. Deception

1. 2 Corin. 4:4

## III. Resist!

A. As soon as you recognize the enemy, Resist him with everything in you!

1. James 4:7 - "Submit yourselves therefor to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

2. Eph. 6:11 - "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

3. Eph. 4:27 - "Neither give place to the devil."

4. 1 Peter 5:8-9

B. Resist by keeping yourself full of the spirit of God.

1. Acts 10:38 - even Jesus had to be full of the Holy Ghost to fight off evil.

2. The anointing of the Holy Spirit is the power that we must have to stand against evil.

a) John 16:7

b) The disciples waited to be filled with the Holy Ghost before they started sharing and demonstrating the gospel to the world. - Acts 2