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Theme	Living Victoriously
Topic	Issues in Living Victoriously
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Message Summary

Living a Victorious Life

To live victoriously as a follower of Christ, we must first understand what a victorious life means, and what it is often misconstrued to be. In this message, the speaker helps us identify some of the issues we may face in victorious living and encourages us to turn back to the Lord when we fail. He also reminds us of the true purpose of walking in victory.

What is Living Victoriously

To understand what victorious living is, we must first identify what it is not.

Firstly, leading a victorious life is not about living a life without temptation, or without fault. We can live a victorious life even with temptation and fault, but it is how we respond in the face of these challenges that matter. Secondly, living victoriously is not about living a life without sin. On the contrary, to proclaim that we are sinless would be to deceive ourselves and only shows how blinded we are. As followers of Christ, we must learn to use the weapons that God gave us to fight these sins in our lives.

A victorious life is a life of consistent fellowship with God, and with the upper hand over sins. It is a life that glorifies Christ; one that matters to Him and that as we lead this life, those around us may also give praise to Him. It is a life of an overcomer – someone who is not under the bondage of the world, and one whom the world has no hold over.

Important Issues in Living Victoriously

(1) Knowing our enemy and weakness – The one whom our fight is against.

As worldly beings, we allow many things to weigh us down, and often believe that our bad circumstances are solely caused by the evil one. However, we fail to recognize that many of our thoughts and ideas arise from within ourselves. That is, we frequently set ourselves up to go after things which we view as “glory”, creating a redundant amount of competition and anxiety. However, a large proportion of these mindsets often turn out to be self-created and unnecessary. It is therefore imperative that we, as Christians, recognize who/what our real fight is against. To do so, we must bring our thoughts under the submission of the Lord, and listen to Him intently.

(2) Recognizing the dangers of a compromise



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As fallen people, we often find ourselves compromising on God's laws. Some we may see as minor compromises, while others we sometimes make out of our compassionate hearts. The danger of making a compromise creeps in when we begin to make compromises which we see only as "minor", because that is what becomes a "slippery slope". We must therefore always consult the Lord our God in all things, and be ruthless about destroying all possible threats in our lives.

(3) Winning the fight against sins

When discussing the key to living a victorious life, it is easy to only consider the fights against "big" sins, and miss out on our fights against the "small" and "respectable" sins. That is, the small things we constantly struggle in our lives, such as our bad temper, greed, selfishness and unforgiveness. Some other sins in our lives which may be viewed as "respectable", such as our perpetual focus on excellence, or our desire to accumulate and display our wealth, are also sins which we must acknowledge and fight against.

(4) Keeping our eyes on the Lord

Hebrews 12:2 reminds us to always look to God and set our eyes on Him in all things. It is important that we are not distracted by fear, which can paralyze us and prevent us from overcoming our problems. We must not be distracted by pride, which may cause us to see ourselves as being bigger than what we are, and prevent us from recognizing our own shortcomings. We must also take on the wings that God gave us, and flee from temptation.

(5) Spiritual dryness in the midst of victories

Spiritual dryness is part and parcel of a victorious life. We must not be discouraged, but instead, be determined to overcome all situations that may be thrown at us.

Conclusion

When we fail to live victoriously, the only way would be to turn to our Father and look to Him for forgiveness of our sins and cleansing of all unrighteousness, as 1 John 1:8-9 reminds us. Ultimately, the true purpose behind leading a victorious life is to allow others to see the goodness of God in our lives, so they may also give praise to our Lord in Heaven.



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Questions

What is a victorious life?

(Fill In Answer Here)

As a follower of Christ, which issue in living victoriously do you personally struggle with?

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How can you overcome these, with the help of the Lord and your fellow cell members?

(Fill In Answer Here)