

# ISSUES *in* LIVING VICTORIOUSLY

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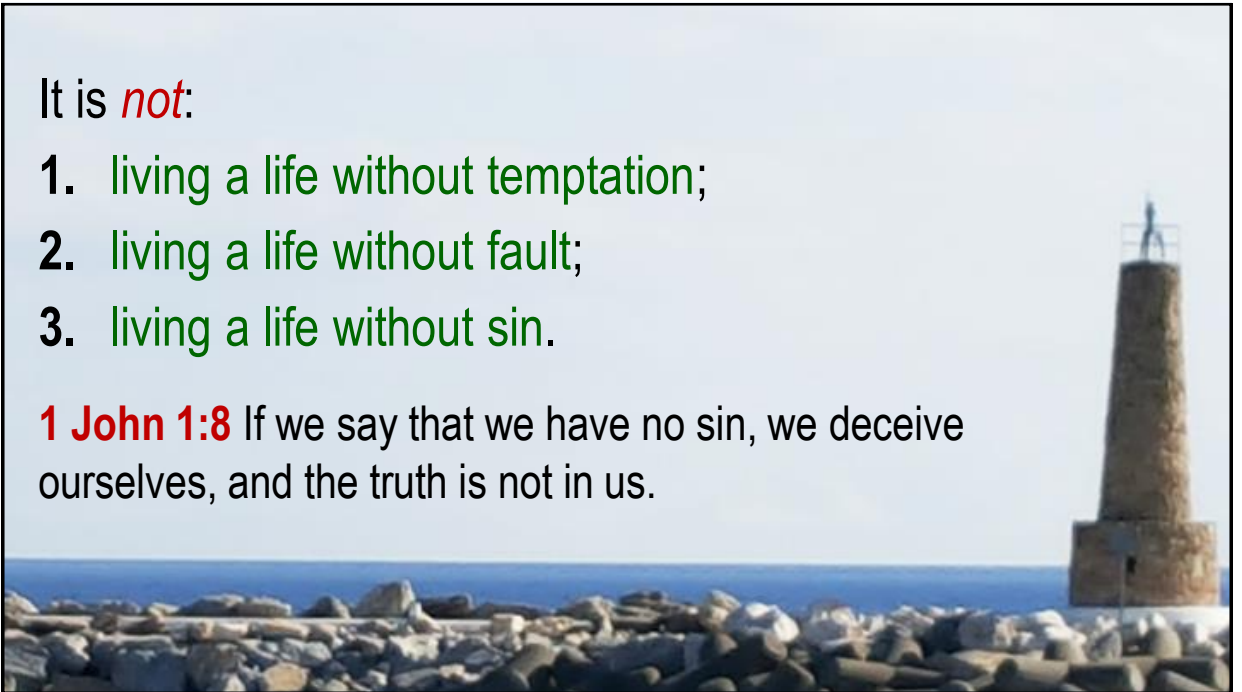
## I. **What is living victoriously?**

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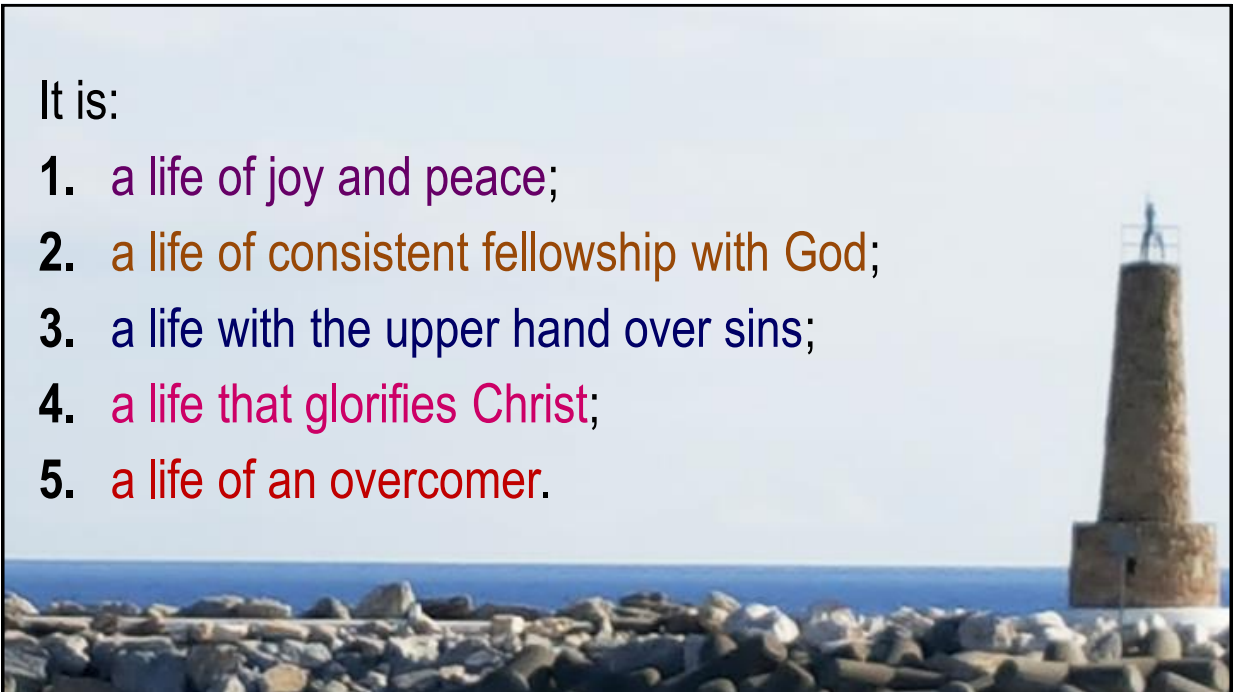
1. living a life without temptation;
2. living a life without fault;
3. living a life without sin.

**1 John 1:8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.



It is:

1. a life of joy and peace;
2. a life of consistent fellowship with God;
3. a life with the upper hand over sins;
4. a life that glorifies Christ;
5. a life of an overcomer.



**1 John 5:4** For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

An Overcomer in Greek is **νικάω**

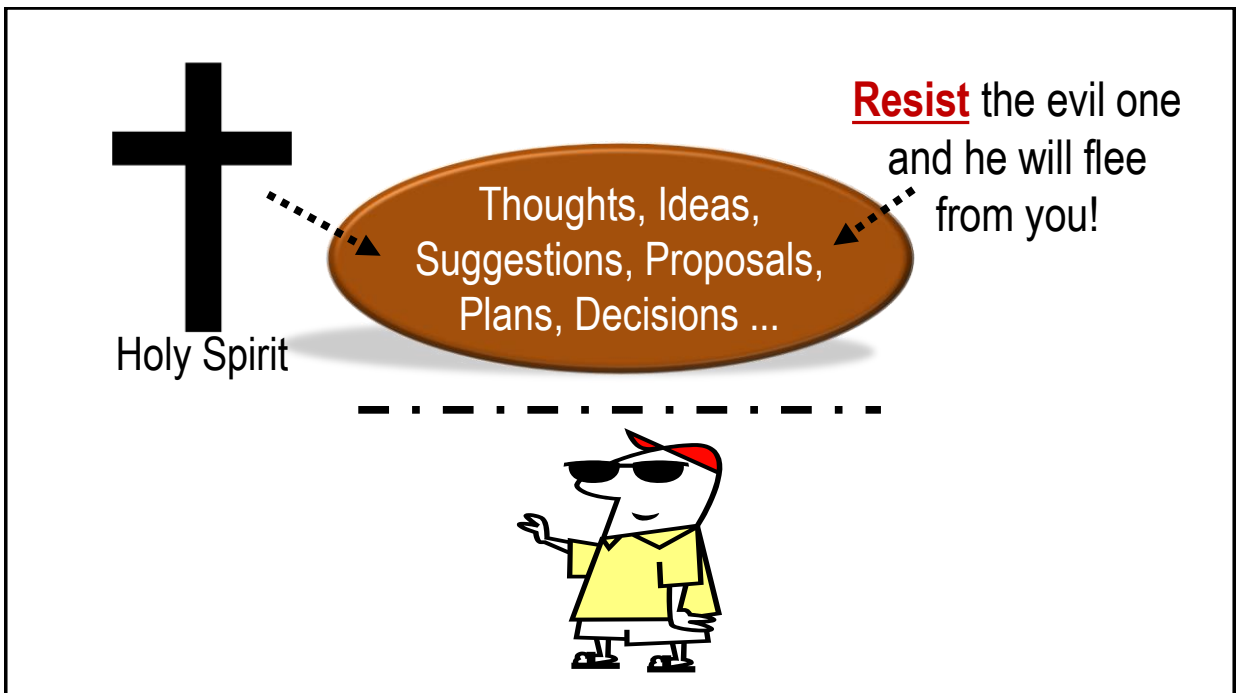
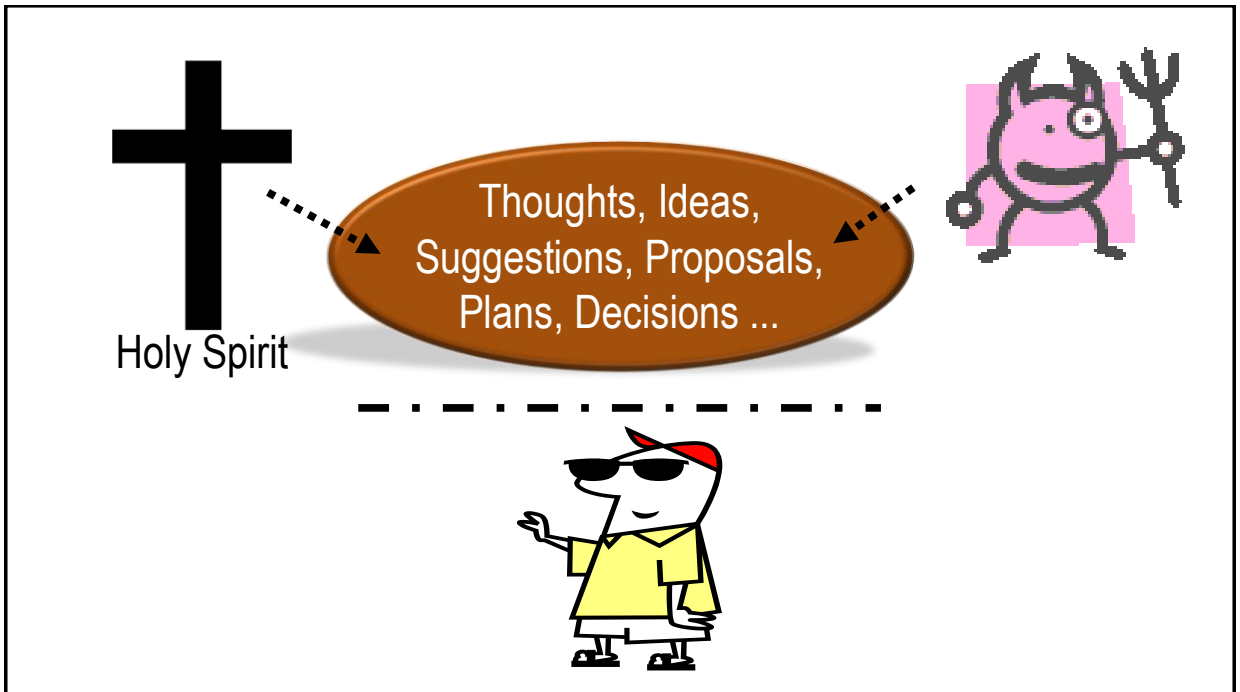
Verb : **νικάó**

Noun : **nike**

**John 16:33** These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome (nikaó) the world.”

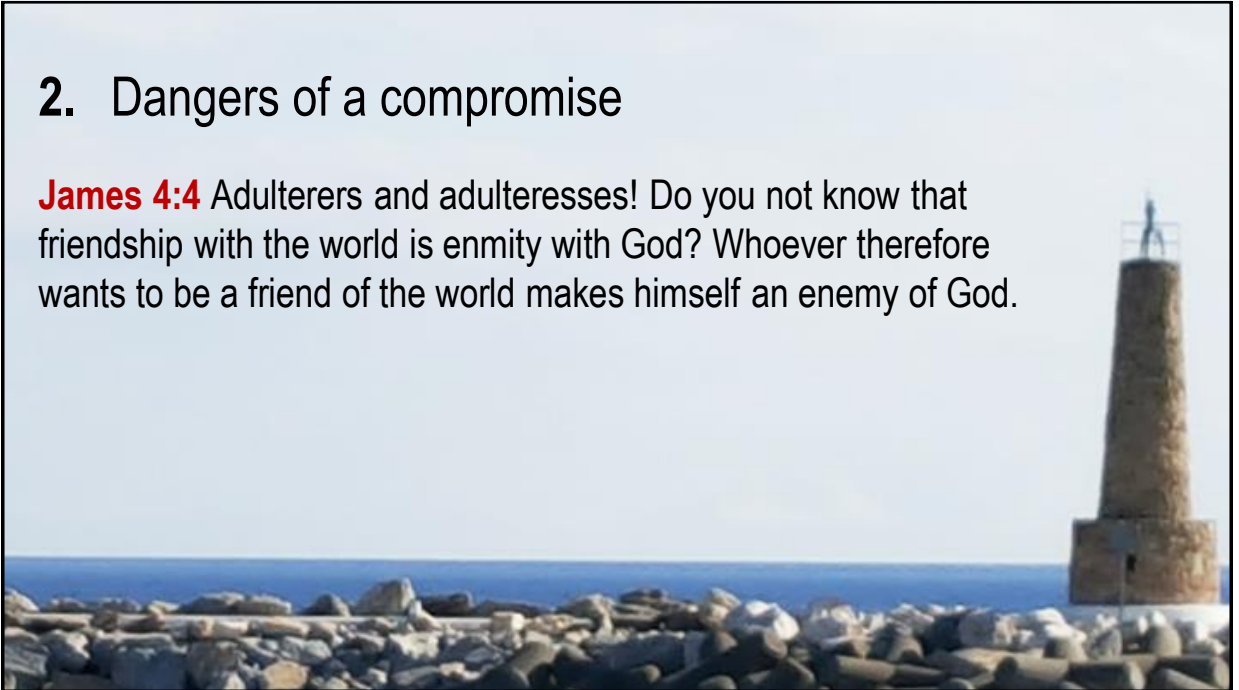
## II. Some Important Issues about Victorious Living

1. Know your enemy / weakness.  
Who / what is your fight against?



## 2. Dangers of a compromise

**James 4:4** Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.



## 2. Dangers of a compromise

- A. Good and bad compromise
- B. Minor compromise
- C. Compassionate compromise





**Deuteronomy 20:16-18**

**16** But of the cities of these peoples which the Lord your God gives you as an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive, **17** but you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittite and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, just as the Lord your God has commanded you, **18** lest they teach you to do according to all their abominations which they have done for their gods, and you sin against the Lord your God.

**3. Winning the fight against:**

**A. “Small” sins e.g.**

**A Bad Temper**

**Greed**

**An Intolerant Spirit**

**Selfishness**

**Unforgiveness**

**Untruthfulness**

**Gossiping**

### 3. Winning the fight against:

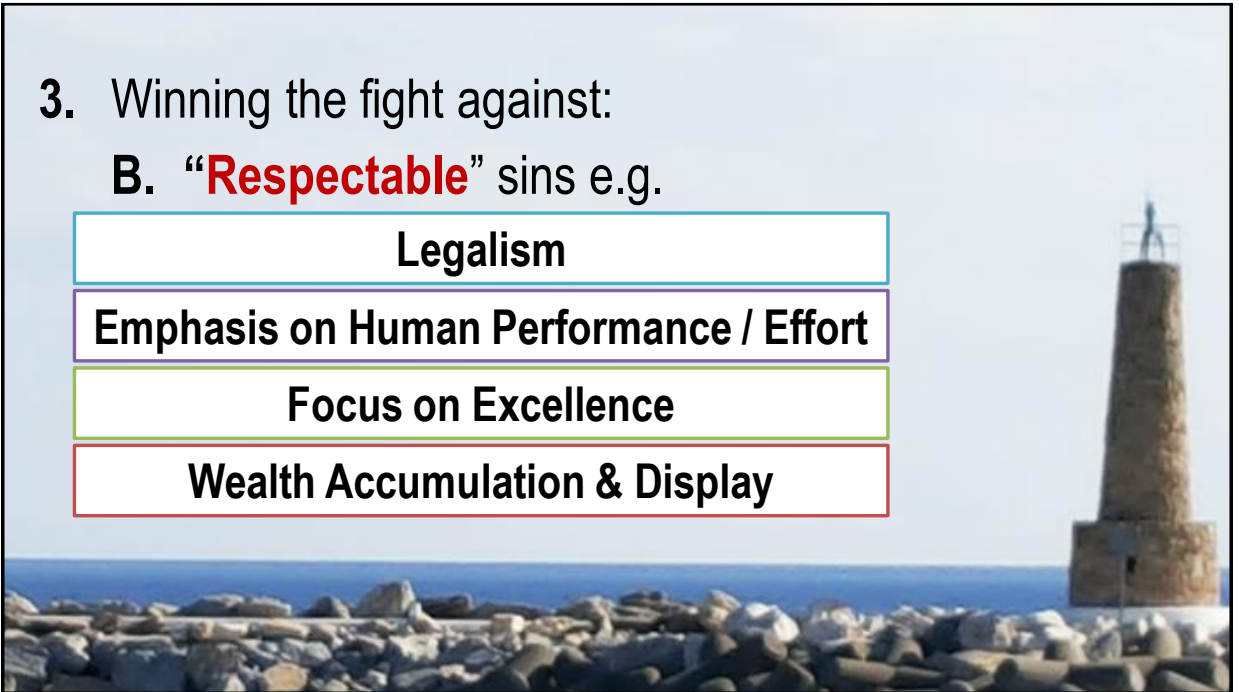
B. “**Respectable**” sins e.g.

**Legalism**

**Emphasis on Human Performance / Effort**

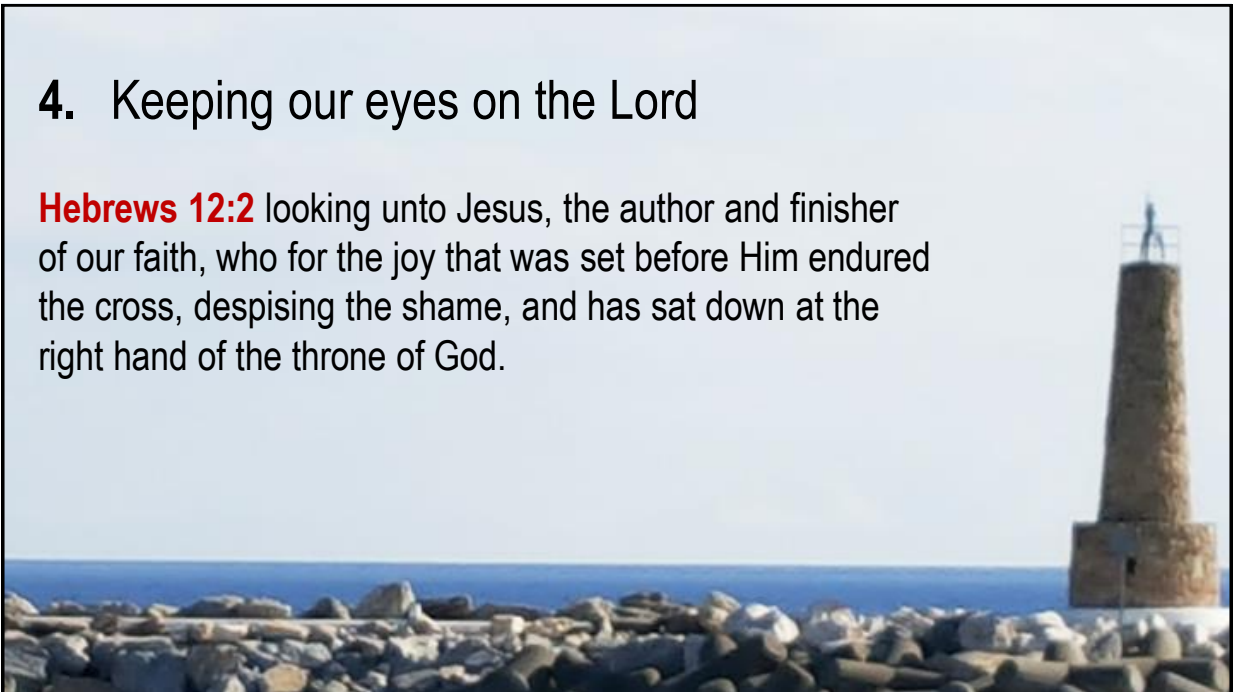
**Focus on Excellence**

**Wealth Accumulation & Display**



### 4. Keeping our eyes on the Lord

**Hebrews 12:2** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.





#### 4. Keeping our eyes on the Lord

Do not be distracted by:

##### A. Fear

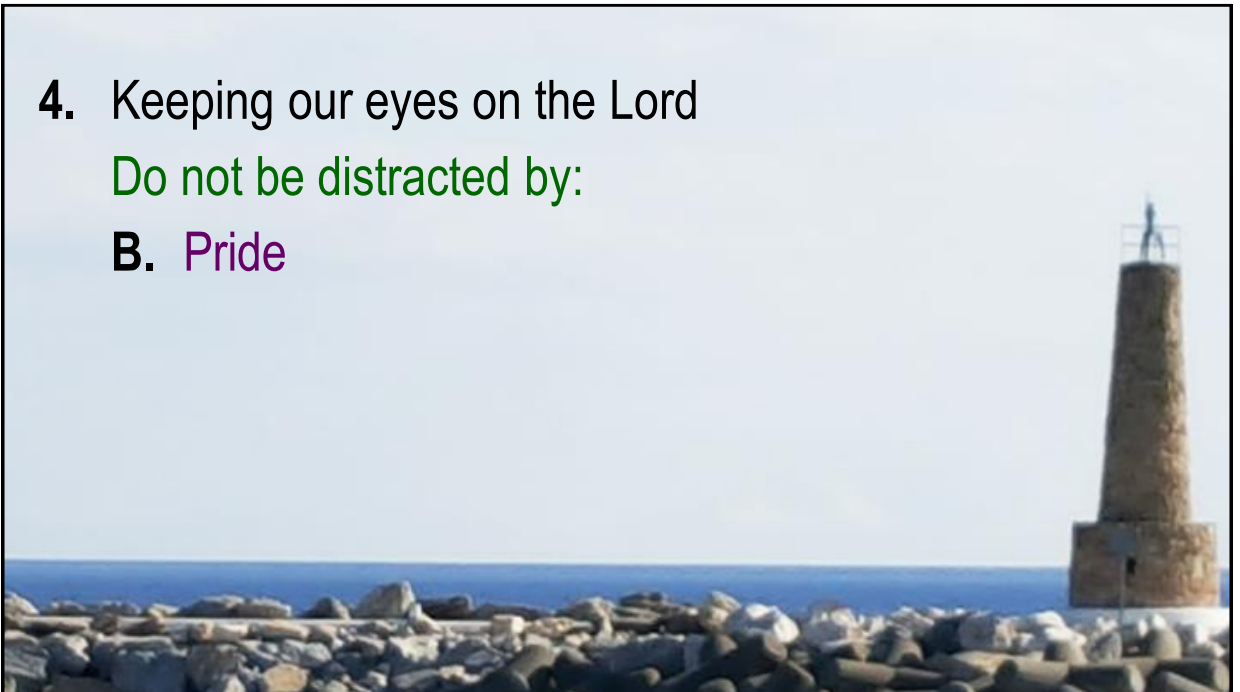
**Numbers 13:33** There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”



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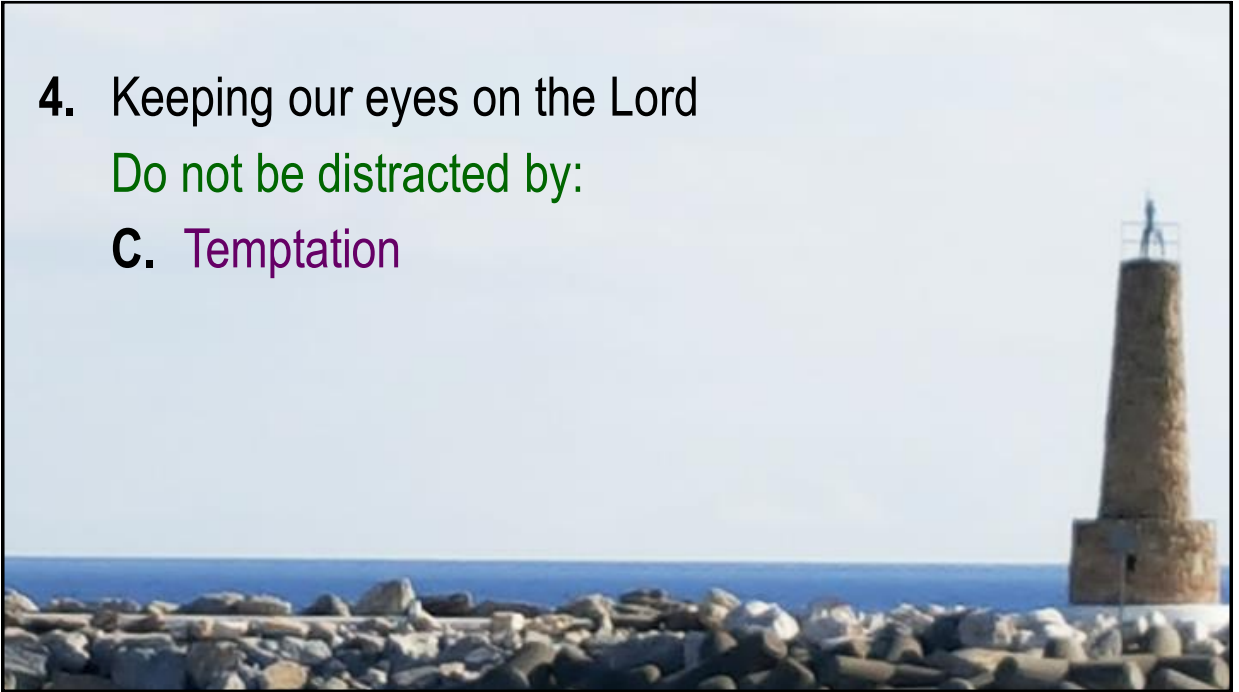
##### B. Pride



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Do not be distracted by:

C. Temptation



#### 5. Spiritual Dryness in Midst of Victories

See Elijah, Israel at the Red Sea

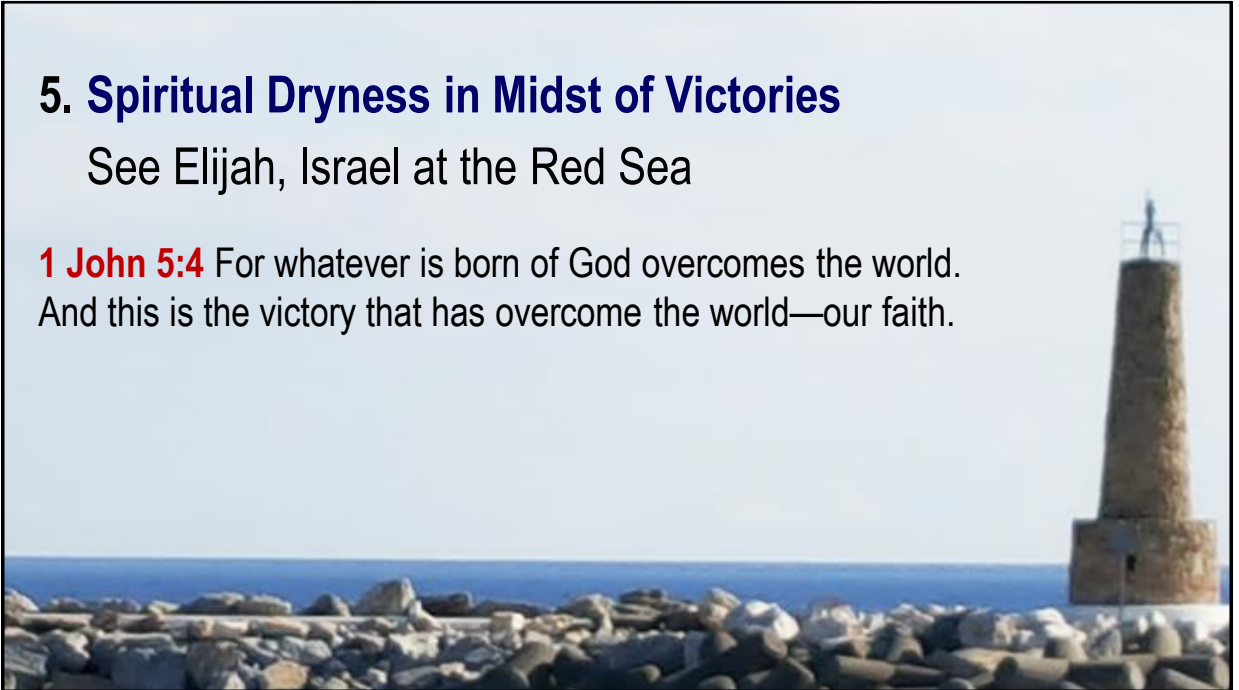
**1 Corinthians 15:57** But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



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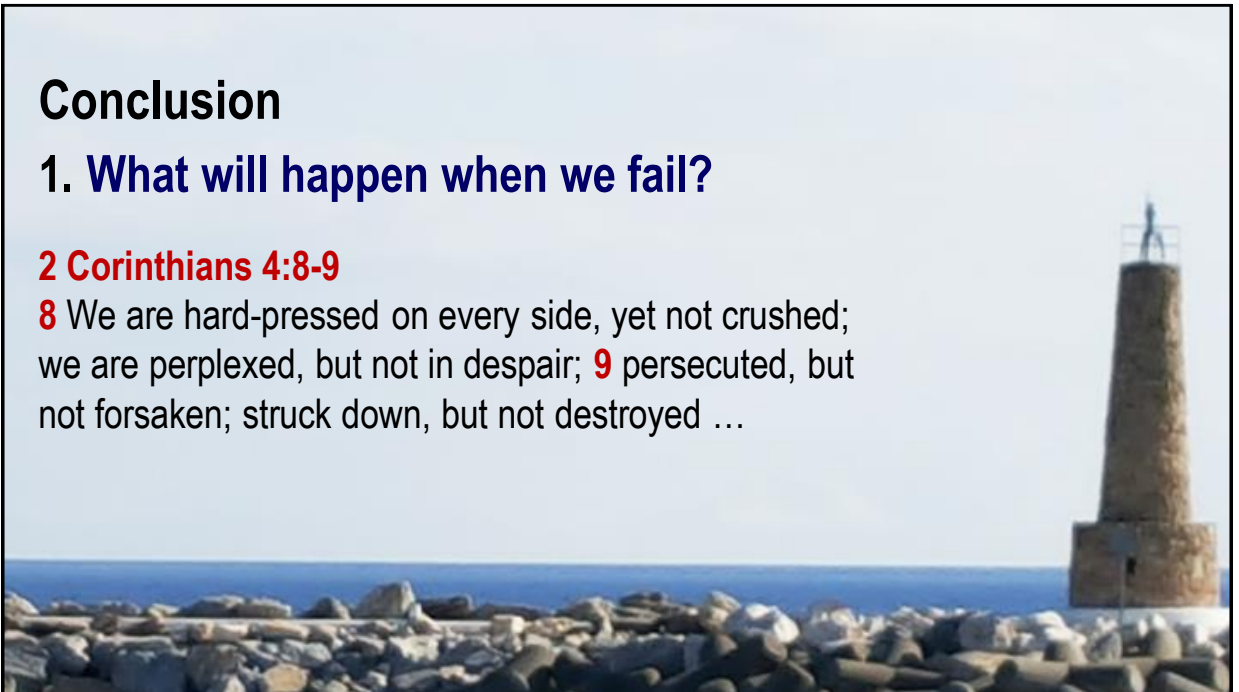


## Conclusion

### 1. What will happen when we fail?

#### **2 Corinthians 4:8-9**

**8** We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; **9** persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed ...

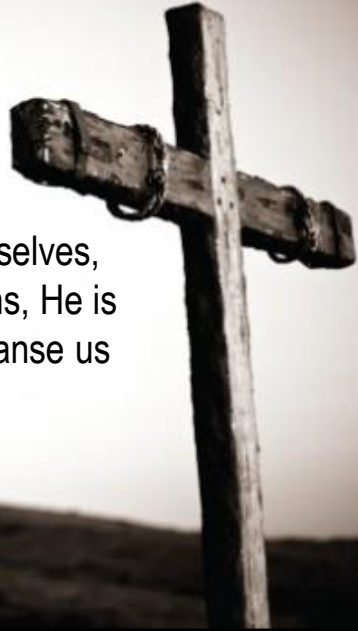


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#### 1 John 1:8-9

**8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

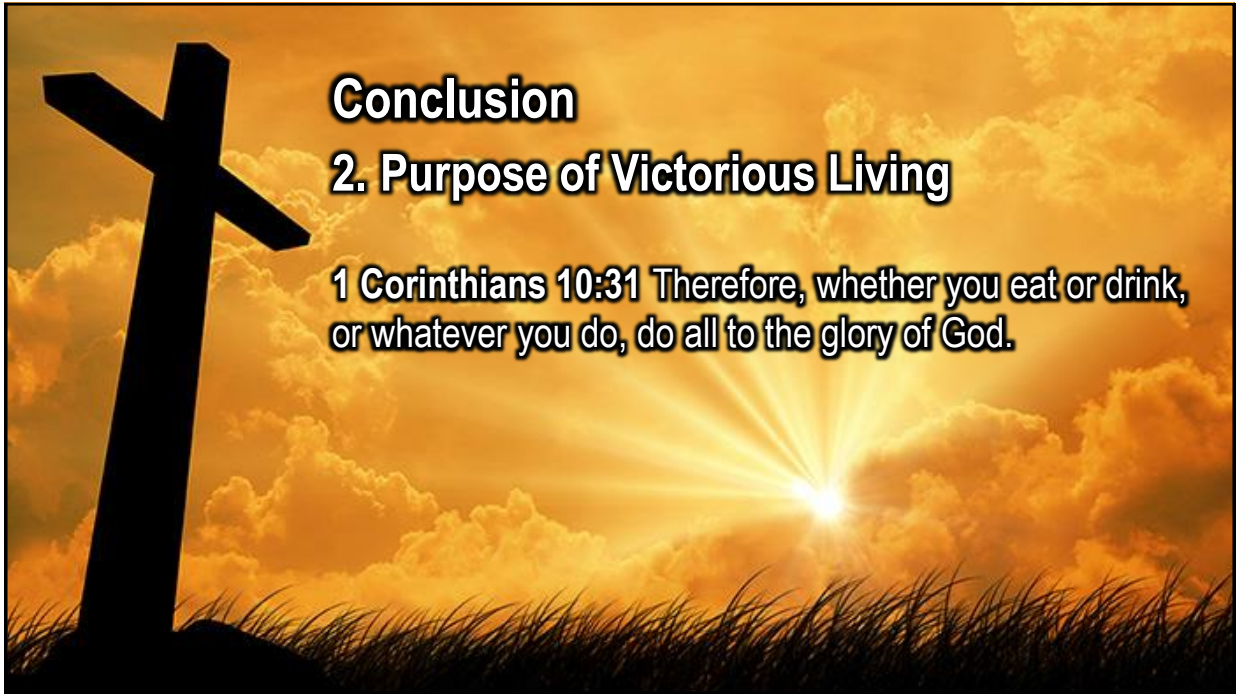


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### 2. Purpose of Victorious Living

**1 Peter 4:11** If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.





## **Conclusion**

### **2. Purpose of Victorious Living**

**1 Corinthians 10:31** Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.