

OVERCOMING THROUGH THE WORD

1. You must be willing to let God give you the victory and choose to quit your bad habit (sin).
2. **1 Corinthians 15:57, “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

God has given you the victory. Accept the victory and consider it done. In overcoming sin there is no need to pray, “Lord if it is your will”. He has already told us it *is* His will for us *not* to sin.

Mark 11:22, And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.” Vs. 24, “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

3. **Romans 6:11, “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”**

Believe that you are dead to the temptation. Believe that a reservoir of power has entered your life making you dead to the habit. *You have the victory!* God said so, so it's done.

FIVE SECONDS TO VICTORY! WHEN TEMPTATION COMES, SAY THIS OUT LOUD:

- a. ***NO!***
- b. ***THANK YOU LORD FOR THE VICTORY!***
- c. ***I'M DEAD TO IT!***

4. **Romans 13:14, “But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.”**

Your part is to not plan to fail. Don't hide anything to do with that which you wish to overcome. Get rid of *everything* associated with the sinful habit. Then God can work a miracle of delivering you from this enslaving habit! If we keep wrong things around us, it is a sign that we really don't believe we have been delivered from the habit; and therefore are planning to fail and pick up where we left off in time.

5. Two more important points in God's plan for victory over bad habits:
 - a. If a temptation occurs, do not meditate on it. **James 1:14-15, “Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin. ...” IMMEDIATELY REPULSE THE THOUGHT AND CLAIM THE VICTORY!!**
 - b. Replace the tempting thought with a positive counter-thought. **“Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee”** (Psalm 119:10,11). Quote Scripture or meditate on a favorite Bible theme.
(1 Cor. 10:13) (Phil. 4: 4-7) (Ps. 29:11) (James 4:7) (Rom. 12:1,2)

Remember Peter (**Matthew 14:22-29**). Jesus said, “Come” to me on the water. That's humanly impossible! But Peter truly believed what God said and then Jesus did the miracle. Peter actually walked on water!

Overcoming the devil's temptations in our own strength is impossible. Claim the promises of Scripture. **Believe** in God's Word and His power to deliver you, and the miracle will be done.

PRACTICAL HELPS WHEN CLAIMING THE VICTORY:

- A. Hide God's Word in your heart (Psalm 119:11).
- B. Renew your mind daily (Titus 3:5; 1 Cor. 15:31).
- C. Believe God is always able to deliver you (1 Cor. 10:13).
- D. Use your spare time to memorize Bible verses (1 Pet. 3:15; 2 Tim. 2:15).
- E. ***ASK GOD TO HELP YOU LOVE ALL THE TRUTHS OF THE BIBLE (2 Thess. 2:10)!***