

LIVING IN SPIRITUAL VICTORY

Romans XII Class

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Living A Successful and Victorious Life
The Biblical Perspective

I. What does it mean to live a successful and victorious life?

- 1) Spiritual growth and maturity; Becoming increasingly Christ-like (Eph. 4:13,15; Rom 8:29)
- 2) Spiritually fruitful (John 15)
- 3) Freedom from sin, flesh, world, Satan (Gal 5:1)
- 4) Bring glory to God! (I Cor 10:31)

Partial list of characteristics:

- a) Spirit filled and controlled (evidence = fruit of Spirit Gal 5:22-23)
- b) Loving; good relationships (Mt 22:34-40)
- c) “Abundant” life (John 10:10)
- d) Productive spiritual ministry (Jn 15)
- e) Effective prayer life (Jam 4:16)
- f) Good witness & discipler (Mt 28:19-20)
- g) Knows the scriptures and puts them into practice (Joshua 1:7-8)

II. Why should we care? What are the benefits:

- a) Experience #1 above

- b) Eternal rewards in heaven (e.g., crowns, treasure, responsibilities, capacity to glorify God, etc.)
(Mt. 6:20; II Tim 4:8; Jam 1:12; Rev 2:10; I Pet 5:4)
- c) Future accountability to Jesus (Mt 25:14-30; I Jn 2:28)
- d) Christ's kingdom will be expanded and strengthened (Mt 6:9-13; 28:19-20)

III. How do we move from our current position to a more victorious/successful life (i.e., what are the strategies to move towards the goal of consistent victory/success)?

Strategies:

- a. Understand our incentives and motivators (#1 & #2 above)
- b. Understand our enemy and his strategies
- c. Understand our leader
- d. Understand our battle plans
- e. Understand our weapons and how to use them
- f. Fight & win!

OUR ENEMY – SATAN

Satan's Resources:

- 1) *Satan* (history: Lk 10:18; Is 14:12-15; Ez 28:11-19; Rev 12; fate: Mat 25:41; Rev 20:7-10; practices: 2 Cor 11:14; I Pet 5:8; Job 1:6-7, 2:1-2; Rev 12:10; John 8:42-44; 2 Cor 4:4)
- 2) *Demons* (fallen angels) (Lk 11:24-26, 10:17-20; Eph 6:12; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Rev 12:4)
- 3) *World* (Eph 2: 1-2; II Cor 4:4; Rev 12:9; Jn 12:31, 14:30; I Jn 5:19)
- 4) *Flesh (sin nature)* (Eph 2:3; Jm 3:15; Rm 3:23)

Satan's Targets:

1) *Jesus Christ*

(examples: King Herod and the massacre of the babies; Satan tempting Jesus in the wilderness; crucifixion/cross)

Jesus

vs

Satan

Truth (Jn 1:17)

liar (Jn 8:42-44)

Gives life (Jn. 5:24)

murderer (Jn 8:42-44)

Spiritual fruit (Gal 5:22-23)

fleshly fruit (Gal 5:19-21)

Permits trials to stimulate
growth (Jm 1:3)

tempts to destroy (I Pet 5:8)

Sets believers free (Jn 8:31-31)

enslaves the lost (2 Tim 2:26)

Defends believers (I Jn 2:1)

accuses believers (Rev 12:10)

2) *Holy Angels* (Dan 10:12-14; Jude 9)

3) *Israel* (I Chron 21:1)

4) BELIEVERS (Rev 12:17; Luke 22:31-32; I Pet 5:8)

5) Unbelievers (2 Cor 4:4)

Satan's Strategies (2 Cor 2:9-11; Eph 6:10-11; I Tim 3:7)

1) **Promote self-interest as the chief end of man** (“be like a god” – Gen 3:1-5)

Our defense: Deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus (Mt 10:38-39, 16:24-27; Luke 14:25-33; John 3:22-30)

2) **Deception** (See page 6)

Our defense: truth

3) Temptation (see page 7)

Our defense: Word of God; take every thought captive; practice what we have learned

4) Accusation (Rev 12:10; Job; Zeh 3)

Satan's accusation (guilt & shame) vs. Holy Spirit's conviction (repentance) (II Cor 7:9-10; 2:7,8, 11)

Our defense:

Zech 3: Judge = God; Accused = us; Prosecutor = Satan; Defense Attorney = Jesus

Jesus intercedes for use (Rm 8:31-34; Heb 7:25; I Jn 2:1-2)

Confess our sins (I Jn 1:9)

Remember: God forgives our past sins! (Col 2:13-14; II Cor 5:18-21; Ps 103:8-12)

5) Vulnerability of Believers

If we choose to sin, we provide Satan an opportunity (2 Cor 2:10-11; Eph 2:2; 4:26-27; Gal 5:1)

Our defense:

Just say NO to sin (Rm 6,7,8, especially 6:11-14)

6) Fear (I Pet 5:8)

Our defense:

Courage in the Lord; realize Satan is on a leash; Jesus is far more powerful than Satan (I John 4:4; Rom 8:14-17; Lk 22:31-32; Job)

7) Doubt (example: garden of Eden)

Our defense:

Trust God (Rm 8:28-29; Pv 3:5-6)

8) Persecution/Affliction (Job; Lk 13:16; Rev 2:10)

Our defense:

Know that God will reward us (Mt 5:10-12; I Pet 4:12-19; Acts 5:41; 2 Tim 1:8-9)

9) Self-sufficiency

Our defense:

Rely on God, not on ourselves (I Chron 21; 1-2; Ps 147:10-11; Jer 9:23-24)

10) Busyness (Luke 14:15-24)

Our defense: Use time wisely, focusing on Jesus (Luke 10:38-42)

11) Unforgiveness (2 Cor 2:9-11)

Our defense: Forgiveness (Luke 6:37)

DECEPTION

Influence Through Deception (James 1:16; 2 Cor 11:13-15; John 8:44 - Satan is Father of Lies)

“It was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being quite deceived, fell into transgression” (I Tim 2:14). “I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ” (II Cor. 11:3), “for many deceivers have gone out into the world: (II Jn. 7). Every unregenerate person is deceived by his own deceitful heart (Jer. 17:9) and the deceitfulness of sin (Heb. 3:13). In addition, the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving (II Cor. 4:4) and has in fact deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:9). The deception of the evil one does not end when we are born again, for the blinding of the mind is only removed just so far as the deceptive lies of Satan are dislodged by the light of the truth. Scripture clearly identifies the deceptive sources:

1. Self-deception.
 - a. We have deceived ourselves if we hear the word and do not do it (Jms. 1:22; 4:17; I Pet. 1:13)
 - b. We have deceived ourselves if we say we have no sin. (I Jn. 1:18)
 - c. We have deceived ourselves if we think we are something when we are nothing. (Gal. 6:3).
 - d. We have deceived ourselves if we think that we are wise in this age. (I Cor. 3:18,19).
 - e. We have deceived our own heart if we think ourselves to be religious and yet do not bridle our own tongue. (Jms 1:26)
 - f. We have been deceived if we think we will not reap what we sow. (Gal. 6:7)
 - g. We have deceived if we think the unrighteous will inherit the Kingdom of God. (I Cor. 6:9)
 - h. We have been deceived if we think we can continue to associated with bad company and not be corrupted. (I Cor. 15:33)

2. False prophets and teachers (Jer. 23:16-40)
 - a. They show signs and wonders (Mt. 24:4, 11, 24; Rev. 13:13, 14; Det. 13:1f)
 - b. They work within the church (II Cor. 11:13-15; II Pet. 2:1)

3. Deceiving Spirits (I Tim. 4:1; I Jn. 2:18; 4:1-6)

Solutions = Discernment (good vs evil) (I Cor. 2:14,15; Heb. 5:11-14; Pr. 4:18)

Truth from word (John 8:31-32; 17:17; Acts 17:11)

Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17, 15:26, 16:13)

TEMPTATION

TEMPTATION (HEB. 4:15, 16; I COR. 10:13)

After the Lord Jesus was commissioned by God the Father for his earthly ministry, the Holy Spirit led him into a confrontation with Satan. Satan had been successful with the first Adam but he would not be successful

with the last. As we examine the three channels of temptation may we learn what is really at stake and how we can stand like Christ against all temptations.

Satan's 3 Channels of Temptations (I John 2:15-17; Gen 3:1-6; Mat 4:1-11)

- 1) Lust of Flesh (“cravings of sinful man”)

e.g. Sex, Food

- 2) Lust of Eyes

e.g. Money

- 3) Pride of Life (“boasting of what he has and does”)

e.g. Power

SOLUTIONS

- Spiritually born again (Jn. 3)
- Minimize vulnerability
- Word of God (example of Jesus)
- Take every thought captive (II Cor. 10:5)
- Practice what we have learned (Phil. 4:8,9)
- Take way of escape (I Cor 10:13)
- Take every thought captive (II Cor 10:5) then focus on wholesome things (Phil 4:8-9)

OUR LEADER: JESUS CHRIST

- 1) Jesus = God, and is all powerful and reigns supreme in the universe!!! Jesus has defeated Satan once for all!!! (Ps 103:19; Is 14:24-27; I Pet 3:22; Heb 2:14-15; Col 1:15-22; Col 2:13-15; Rev 20)
- 2) We are God's children. Refer to Exhibit A for summary of our position in Christ.

OUR BATTLE PLAN (Strategies)

A) *Duties as Soldiers of the Cross*

- 1) **Endure hardship; not be consumed by worldly things but focus on pleasing our commander, Jesus Christ**

(2 Tim 2:3-13; Jn 15:20; Mt 16:24; 2 Tim 2:9-10; Rm 8:28; Lk 9; Acts 20:24; Heb 12:1-3)

- 2) **Fight the good fight**

(I Tim 1:18-19, 6:12; Gal 6:17; Jude 3)

- 3) **Stand firm**

(I Pet 5:8-9; I Cor 10:12; Eph 6:10-14)

B) *The battlefield*

A major battlefield is our minds!

James 1:13-15 thoughts → actions → death

We have two sources of bad thoughts: our own sin nature, and apparently Satan may be able to plant thoughts (or at least influence) (e.g., David, I Chron 21:1; Judas, Jn 13:2; Ananias, Acts 5:3; Peter, Mt 16:22-23)

Here is the biblical strategy to win the battle of the mind:

- 1) ***Immediately*** take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (II Cor 10:3-5)
- 2) ***Immediately*** replace with good thoughts (Phil 4:8)

C) *Strategies to Defeat Each of Our Enemies*

1) Satan & demons

- a) Keep our focus on Jesus!! (Heb 12:1-3)
- b) When confronted, First draw near to God, then Second, resist the evil one and he will flee (James 4:7; I Pet 5:8-9)
- c) Don't give Satan a foothold in your life (Eph 4:26-27)

2) World

- a) Avoid spiritual adultery (Jm 4:1-5; Ex 20:3-6; Mt 6:24; I Cor 6:9)
- b) Love not the world or things in the world (I Jn 2:15-17)
- c) Do not become polluted by the world (Jm 1:27); conformed to the world (Rm 12:1-2); or mastered by worldly things (I Cor 6:12-13)
- d) Learn to be IN not OF the world (Jn 17:14-18)
- e) Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers (II Cor 6:14-18)
- f) Focus on heavenly, not earthly things (Col 3:1-2; Phil 3:17-21; Lk 14:15-20)

3) Flesh (sin nature)

- We need to offer our bodies as living sacrifices (Rm 12:1-2)

- We need to confess and renounce sin (I Jn 1:9; Pv 28:13)
- We need to avoid the sin-confess-sin-confess cycle by:

SIN – CONFESS – RESIST!! (Rom 6:11-14)

D) Some basic strategies from I Cor 16:13-14

1) **Be alert!**

Need to be alert for temptation and other strategies of the enemy (I Pet 5:8); for false teachers/teachings (2 Cor 11:13-15; Mt 24:24; 7:15, 7:21-23; 2 Tim 2:14-15; I Tim 4:1); for Christ's return (Mt 25:13; I Jn 2:28)

2) **Be Firm!** (Phil 4:1)

3) **Be mature** (act like "men")!

(I Pet 2:2; Mt 4:4; Eph 4:14-15)

4) **Be Strong!**

(Eph 3:16; I Cor 4:7, 9:24-27)

5) **Be Loving!**

(Mt 22:34-40)

Another helpful verse: I Cor 15:58

OUR WEAPONS

Key Weapons:

1. **Armor of God**
2. **Prayer**
3. **Holy Spirit**
4. **Authority of Believer**
5. **Word of God**

ARMOR OF GOD (Eph. 6:10-17)

- Symbolic description of Jesus Himself (Rom. 13:12-14; II Tim 2:1; Gal. 3:26-29; Eph 4:17-21; Col 3:5-10)
- Satan has nothing on Jesus, to extent we put on Christ, Satan cannot touch us (Jn. 14:30; I Jn. 5:18; II Thes. 3:3).
- Victory belongs to Christ! (Pr. 21:31; I Cor. 15:57; Phil. 4:13; Rom 8:37)
- Divisions/classifications
 - 1) Past – “having”
 - a. Girded loins with TRUTH
 - b. Put on breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS
 - c. Shod feet with gospel of PEACE
 - 2) Present – “taking”
 - a. shield of FAITH
 - b. helmet of SALVATION
 - c. sword of SPIRIT

TRUTH

- Jesus is truth (Eph. 4:20-21); Col. 2:3; Jn. 14:6; Jn. 8:31, 32, 44; I Jn. 4:6).

How did Jesus demonstrate He was truth?

- 1) By what He said
 - 2) By what He did
 - 3) By what He is now, in the present day
- Word of God is source of truth (John 8:31-32, 17:13-17).
 - Holy Spirit guides us into truth (John 14:17)

RIGTEOUSNESS

- Jesus is the basis of our righteous standing before God (Rm. 8:1; I Cor. 15:10; Rom. 4:5; I Cor. 1:30; I Jn. 1:8-2:2; II Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:8-9).

PEACE

Peace in the heart makes you able to fight; Christ is our peace (Rom. 5:1; Col. 3:15; Rom. 12:18; Jam. 3:13-18; II Cor. 2:10-11; Matt. 18:34-35; John 14:27, 16:33).

SHIELD OF FAITH

- Defense against “flaming darts of the evil one” (evil thoughts, doubts, blasphemies, sudden fears) (Rom. 8:37; I John 4:4)
- God allows Satan to attack us (I Pet. 4:12-14; Jn. 16:33; Book of Job)
- Source of Faith = Word of God (Rom. 10:17) and Jesus (Heb 12:1-3)

HELMET OF SALVATION

- Protect the head, intelligence, mind, ability to think and reason – hope of our future salvation (Rom. 13:11; I Thess. 5:8; Rom 8:22-25)

WORD OF SPIRIT

- Scripture is ultimate authority; compels belief in face of distortion of truth (Pr. 3:5; Col. 3:16; Heb. 4:12; Jn. 5:39; II Tim. 3:16)
Example: Jesus in wilderness
- Satan must be defeated by Jesus, not by our thoughts. Only God knows the thoughts and intentions of man (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33; Col. 2:15)

PRAYER

- Conversing with God (Phil. 4:6-7)
 1. Worry about nothing
 2. Pray about everything
 3. God will take care of us
- Pray without ceasing (I Thes. 5:17; Eph 6:18; Col 4:2-6)
- Need authoritative prayer

Bind the strong; Satan's power has been broken, but he will not give up territory until we exercise the authority delegated to us by Jesus Christ (Matt. 12:29; Heb. 2:14-15; Col. 2:15; II Cor. 10:3-5; II Cor. 4:3-4; I Jn. 5:14-19).

- Pray at all times in the Spirit (Rom. 8:26; Eph. 6:18)
- Effective, fervent prayer of righteous man accomplishes much (Jm. 5:16-18)
 - Pray against the blinding of unbelievers (II Cor. 4:3-4); open heart (Acts 16:14);
open eyes (acts 26:18)
 - Pray for binding of Satan in name of Jesus Christ (Mt. 12:29; Mt. 18:18)
 - Pray for believers (eyes opened to power of God, boldness, opportunity, good witness) (Eph 6:19; Acts 4:31; Col. 4:2-6)

Example: Elijah (I King 17-19; 21:17-29; II King 1)

- Not rain for 3 ½ years, then prayer for rain
- Raised widow's son from dead
- Mt. Carmel and 450 prophets of Baal.
- Fire from heaven to destroy two groups of 50 soldiers.

Other examples: Daniel, Joshua, Joseph

Holy Spirit

1. We are indwelt by the Holy Spirit the moment we receive Christ as Savior (Rm. 8:9, 14, I Cor. 12:13)
2. We can be indwelt by the Holy Spirit, but not filled with the Holy Spirit. (Resident but not "President").
3. To be filled with the Holy Spirit means to renounce the works of the flesh (old nature) and trust God to produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit in us.

Works of Flesh (Gal. 5:19-21)

Vs

Fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)

-Love

-Goodness

- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Kindness
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self-control

How to be filled:

1. Ask God (I Jn. 5:14-15)
2. Confess your sins (I Jn. 1:9)
3. Read God's Word daily (Jn. 14:21; Eph. 5:18-6:20)
4. Daily walk (prayer, Bible study, good works)

4. The Holy Spirit

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| -prepares hearts | Pr. 16:1 |
| -guides us | Jn. 16:13 |
| -gives us boldness | Acts 4:31 |
| -has given us the Word of God | II Pet. 1:21 |
| -gives us wisdom | I Cor. 12:8 |
| -Spirit alone brings conviction | Jn. 16:8 |
| -gives faith | I Cor. 12:9 |
| -empowers us | Acts. 1:8 |
| -guide to truth | Jn. 16:13-15; Jn. 14:26 |
| -bears witness of Jesus | Jn. 15:27 |
| -seals believers for day
of redemption | Eph. 1:13-14 |
| -gives us spiritual gifts | I Cor. 12:4-11 |

AUTHORITY OF BELIEVER

Source = Jesus (Mt. 28:18; Heb. 8:1; Eph. 1:19-23)

Scope of Jesus authority = ALL (Mt. 28:18)

Conferring of authority – those who believe (Eph. 1:19-20; 2:1-5)

Location of authority = throne of God (Eph. 1:20, 2:6; Heb. 8:1)

Purpose = God's kingdom (Eph. 3:9-11; Dan. 7:22,27)

Qualifications to receive authority:

1. Belief (Eph. 1:19)
2. Humility (Jm. 4:6, 7; I Pet. 5:5-9)
3. Boldness (Eph. 3:12; Acts 4:31; Josh. 1:6, 7, 9, 18)
4. Cautions
 - not independent authority (Acts 19:13-17)
 - authority not over each other (Eph. 5:21)

Word of God

Learning the word AND putting into practice is extremely important to us being victorious and successful!

There is NO way to be all that God wants us to be or do what He would like us to do without these two essentials (Duet 5:1,29,33, 28:1-14; Joshua 1:7-8; Lk 6:46-49; 8:19-21, 11:28, Jn 8:31-32; Jm 1:22-25).

Obedience is also the way we demonstrate that we really love God (Jn 14:15, 14:21, 15:14; I Jn 5:3).

Exhibit A

A CHRISTIAN'S IDENTITY & POSITION IN CHRIST

Knowing our identity and position in Christ is crucial to living a victorious and fruitful life. Following are some biblical truths:

Who am I as a believer?

- 1) I am a child of God. God is my loving heavenly Father. I am a heir of God** (Jn 1:12; I Jn 3:1-2; Rm 8:14-17; Gal 3:26, 4:4-7; Eph 1:3-5; Eph 2:4)
- 2) I am a new creation. I have been changed from a SINNER to a SAINT** (II Cor 5:7; Eph 1:1; I Cor 1:2; Phil 1:1; Col 1:2)
- 3) I am eternally alive and well. My spirit is united with Gods'. I am in Christ and He is in me** (I Cor 6:17; Eph 2:5-6; Jn 14:20)
- 4) I am the righteousness of God** (II Cor 5:21; Rm 5:17)
- 5) I am the salt of the earth and light of the world** (Mt 5:13-14)
- 6) I am Christ's friend** (Jn 15:15)
- 7) I am a temple (dwelling place) of God. His Spirit resides in me** (I Cor 3:16; 6:19)
- 8) I am a member of Christ's body** (I Cor 12:27; Eph 5:30)
- 9) I am a citizen of heaven, seated in heaven right now** (Eph 2:6; Phil 3:20)

- 10) I am chosen of God and dearly loved (Col 3:12; I Thes 1:4)**
- 11) I am a son of light and not of darkness (I Thes 5:5)**
- 12) I am a member of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession (I Pet 2:9,10)**
- 13) I am an ambassador for God (II Cor 5:20)**
- 14) I am part of the true vine, and am chosen and appointed by Christ to bear His fruit (Jn 15:16)**
- 15) I am enslaved to God and am a slave of righteousness (Rm 6:18,22)**
- 16) I am reconciled to God (II Cor 5:18-19)**
- 17) I am a holy partaker of a heavenly calling; I am a partaker of Christ and share in His life (Heb 3:1,14)**
- 18) I am an alien and stranger to this world in which I temporarily live (I Pet 2:11)**
- 19) I am an enemy of the Devil (I Pet 5:8)**
- 20) I am born of God, and the Devil cannot touch me (I Jn 5:18)**
- 21) I am spiritually alive, and no longer spiritually dead (Rm 5:12, 6:1-11; Eph 2:1-5; I Cor 15:21-22)**
- 22) I am a partaker of the divine nature (II Pet 1:4; Gal 2:20)**

What are some implications of who I am?

- 1) I have peace with God. I have been justified, completely forgiven and made righteous (Rm 5:1)**
- 2) I have been saved from God's wrath and freed from all fear of condemnation (Rm 5:1,9; 8:1)**
- 3) I died with Christ and died to the power of sin's rule over my life (Romans 6)**
- 4) I have received the Holy Spirit to help me and as a pledge guaranteeing my inheritance to come (II Cor 1:21-22; Eph 1:13-14, 14; Acts 1:8)**
- 5) I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who lives but Christ lives in me (Gal 2:20, 6:14; Col 3:3; Rm 6:2-6)**
- 6) I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places (Eph 1:3)**

- 7) **I have been redeemed and am forgiven, and am a recipient of His lavish grace** (Eph 1:6-8)
- 8) **I have direct access to God through His spirit** (Eph 2:18)
- 9) **I may approach God with boldness and confidence** (Eph 3:12)
- 10) **I have been rescued from the domain of Satan's rule and transferred to the kingdom of Christ** (Col 1:13)
- 11) **I have been forgiven of my sins, and the debt against me has been cancelled** (Col 1:14, 2:14)
- 12) **I have Christ Himself in me** (Col 1:27; Gal 2:20; Jn 14:20)
- 13) **I have been buried, raised and made alive with Christ** (Col 2:12-13)
- 14) **I have been given a Spirit of power, love and self-discipline** (II Tim 1:7)
- 15) **I have been saved and set apart according to God's doing** (II Tim 1:9; Titus 3:5)
- 16) **I have the right to come boldly before the throne of God** (Heb 4:16)
- 17) **I have been made perfect forever** (Heb 10:14)
- 18) **I have my name written in the Lamb's book of life** (Rev 20:12, 21:27)
- 19) **I have been given precious and magnificent promises by God, by which I am a partaker of God's divine nature** (II Pet 1:4)
- 20) **I have been created in Christ Jesus for good works. I am His workmanship** (Eph 2:10)
- 21) **I have ETERNAL SECURITY** (see handout)

FINDING FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Renounce all involvement with anything that is contrary to Biblical Christianity and ask God's forgiveness.

Verbally say "I renounce you Satan and all your works and all your ways".

Remove any rights Satan has and can use as a foothold.

1. Counterfeit vs. Real (I Jn. 1:5,7; Lk. 11:23; Jn. 14:6; II Cor. 11:3,4; Jn. 8:24)
2. Deception vs. Truth (I Jn. 1:4-2:2; Jn. 14:6; Jn. 8:31-32; Jn. 8:44; I Jn. 1:8; Eph. 2:6; Jn. 16:13; Ps. 139:23-24; I Jn. 1:5; Jn. 17:17)
3. Bitterness vs. Forgiveness (Eph. 4:31,32; Rm. 2:4; Mt. 5:23-24)
4. Rebellion vs. Submission (Rm. 13:1-5; I Sam. 15:23; I Tim. 2:1-3; I Pet. 2:13; Eph. 6:1-3; I Pet. 3:1-3; I Pet. 2:18-21; Heb. 13:17)
5. Pride vs. Humility (Jm. 4:6-10; Pr. 16:18; Phil. 2:3; Rm. 12:10; Mt. 16:24)
6. Bondage vs. Freedom (Rm. 13:14; I Pet. 2:11; Eph. 4:27; Jm. 4:1; I Pet. 5:8; I Jn. 1:9; Gal. 5:1; I Jn. 4:4)
7. Acquiesce vs. Renunciation (Ex. 20:4,5)

FIGHT

- Put on armor, pray, stand and fight! (Eph. 6:10-18)
- Crucify the flesh (Rm. 8:13) on a daily basis by learning how to walk according to the Spirit (Gal. 5:16) and renewing our minds (Rm. 12:2)
- Don't let sins reign in your mortal body; present your body as a living sacrifice (Rm. 6:12; Rm. 12:1-2)

not sin – confess, sin – confess

BUT sin – confess – RESIST

*Take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (II Cor. 10:5)

*Lord is our strength! (II Thes. 3:3; Phil 4:13)

*Fix our eyes on Jesus! (Heb. 12:1-2)

*Defensive: Stand Firm (I Cor. 15:58; I Cor. 16:13; Eph. 6:11)

*Offensive: Continue Jesus work of destroying the work of Satan (I Jn. 3:8)