

# OVERCOMING AND LIVING VICTORIOUSLY

## A Waging Effective Warfare@

(Rev 12:10 KJV) And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

(Rev 12:11 KJV) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

### 1. THERE ARE BATTLES ON MANY FRONTS, BUT GOD'S WILL IS FOR US TO OVERCOME.

1. ***Faith to overcome.*** (1 John 5:4 KJV) For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

2. ***Believers overcome.*** (1 John 5:5 KJV) Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

3. ***Blessings to the overcomers.***

1. (Rev 2:7 KJV) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

2. (Rev 2:11 KJV) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

3. (Rev 2:17 KJV) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

4. (Rev 2:26 KJV) And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

5. (Rev 3:5 KJV) He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

6. (Rev 3:12 KJV) Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

7. (Rev 3:21 KJV) To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

8. (Rev 21:7 KJV) He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

### 2. A MAJOR WAY WE OVERCOME IS BY RENEWING OUR MINDS. (Rom 12:2 KJV) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1. ***How does the devil build strongholds in the mind?***
  1. Wrong thinking.
  2. Wrong believing.
  3. Wrong actions.
2. ***We become free by renewing our minds, which indicates that the area of warfare to overcome is in the realm of the mind.***
3. **THE MIND AS THE ARENA OF WARFARE.**
  1. ***Scriptures on war, warrings, warfare.***
    1. (Rom 7:23 KJV) But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.
    2. (2 Cor 10:3 KJV) For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
    3. (2 Cor 10:4 KJV) (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) (2 Cor 10:5 KJV) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
    4. (James 4:1 KJV) From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? (James 4:2 KJV) Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.
  2. ***Devil not mentioned in one of these scriptures.***
    1. Many who have fallen into sin blame it on the devil, but satan found an open door through which he could get into their lives. They were either thinking wrong thoughts or they weren't crucifying the flesh.
    2. Genuine spiritual warfare has to do mostly with the mind and the flesh and fighting the good fight of faith. (1 Tim 6:12 KJV) Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.
4. **WAGING A GOOD WARFARE.**
  1. ***War a good warfare.*** (1 Tim 1:18 KJV) This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; (1 Tim 1:19 KJV) Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:
    1. Holding faith.
      1. Stay in the fight of faith.
      2. Occupy. (Luke 19:13 KJV) And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.
        - (1) Occupying army just enforcing the victory that's already been won.
        - (2) That's why believers shouldn't magnify the battle; they should magnify the triumph.
    2. Fulfill the call of God on your life.

2. ***The challenge to Timothy was to fulfill his ministry and not be deterred by any opposition he may face.***
    1. Stay committed to the call of God on your life regardless of the cost.
    2. There's a price to pay to be a good soldier and that is discipline and dedication.
  3. ***Those who wage a good warfare keep their mind renewed and their flesh in check and know how to stand in faith on the promises in God's Word.***
    1. This can only be done by the Word of God and by the Spirit of God.
    2. The truth of God's Word is a spiritual force mighty enough to overcome the lies and deception satan tries to bring against our minds to bring us into bondage.
5. **HAVING DONE ALL--STAND.**
1. ***The believer's ~~A~~battle @ stance is to stand.***
    1. (Eph 6:11 KJV) Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to **stand** against the wiles of the devil.
    2. (Eph 6:13 KJV) Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to **withstand** in the evil day, and having done all, to **stand**.
    3. (Eph 6:14 KJV) **Stand** therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; (Eph 6:15 KJV) And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; (Eph 6:16 KJV) Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
  2. ***Stand fast in the Lord.*** (Phil 4:1 KJV) Therefore, my brethren, dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.
  3. ***Stand fast in faith.*** (1 Cor 16:13 KJV) Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.
  4. ***Stand fast in one spirit.*** (Phil 1:27 KJV) Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;
  5. ***We do warfare by standing our ground of victory in Christ enforcing the truth of God's Word.***
    1. Time to stand for something instead of against.
      1. Stand for the truth of the Word of God and Jesus' victory over satan at the cross.
      2. As we stand for truth and get the Word on the inside of us, situations in our lives will begin to be corrected.
    2. Stay on the offensive preaching the Word of God, not on the defensive constantly trying to battle a defeated foe which you will continuously have to battle.
6. **STAND STILL AND SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD.**

1. **Moses.** (Exo 14:13 KJV) And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will show to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. (Exo 14:14 KJV) The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.
2. **Jehoshaphat.** (2 Chr 20:17 KJV) Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.