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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 the world.” | JOHN 16:33 NKJV**

For every child of God defeats this evil world, and **we achieve this victory through our faith**. And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God. | 1 JOHN 5:4-5 NLT

I write these things to you, dear children, because you truly have a relationship with the Father. I write these things, fathers and mothers, because you have had a true relationship with him who is from the beginning. And I write these things, young people, because **you are strong, the Word of God is treasured in your hearts, and you have defeated the Evil One.** | 1 JOHN 2:14 TPT

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. | REVELATION 12:11 NKJV

1. Factorship

A business of a factor | an event, circumstance, influence or element that plays a part in bringing a result.

...by the blood of the Lamb | REV 12:11 NKJV

And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; knowing that **you were** not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but **with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.** *He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.* | 1 Peter 1:17-21 NKJV

2. Fellowship

The unity of the Spirit that comes from Christian shared beliefs, convictions and behaviors

...by the word of their testimony | REV 12:11 NKJV

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if **you confess with**



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your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. | *ROMANS 10:8-9 NKJV*

3. Followership

The capacity or willingness to follow the leader

...they did not love their lives to the death. | *REV 12:11 NKJV*

Then Jesus said to His disciples, **"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.** For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. | *MATTHEW 16:24-25 NKJV*

Conclusion: What does this all mean?

Romans 8:31-37 (TPT)

31 So, what does all this mean? If God has determined to stand with us, tell me, who then could ever stand against us? 32 For God has proved his love by giving us his greatest treasure, the gift of his Son. And since God freely offered him up as the sacrifice for us all, he certainly won't withhold from us anything else he has to give.

33 Who then would dare to accuse those whom God has chosen in love to be his? God himself is the judge who has issued his final verdict over them—"Not guilty!"

34 Who then is left to condemn us? Certainly not Jesus, the Anointed One! For he gave his life for us, and even more than that, he has conquered death and is now risen, exalted, and enthroned by God at his right hand. So how could he possibly condemn us since he is continually praying for our triumph?

35 Who could ever separate us from the endless love of God's Anointed One? Absolutely no one! For nothing in the universe has the power to diminish his love toward us. Troubles, pressures, and problems are unable to come between us and heaven's love. What about persecutions, deprivations, dangers, and death threats? No, for they are all impotent to hinder omnipotent love, 36 even though it is written:

All day long we face death threats for your sake, God. We are considered to be nothing more than sheep to be slaughtered!

37 Yet even in the midst of all these things, we triumph over them all, for God has made us to be more than conquerors, and his demonstrated love is our glorious victory over everything!



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**Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint;
But happy is he who keeps the law.
| PROVERBS 29:18 NKJV**

**The Overcomer's Journey is one of FOLLOWERSHIP, following our
LEADER, JESUS CHRIST THE LORD, as HIS DISCIPLES. VISION IS
VITAL for it is the REVELATION THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE in our
FOLLOWERSHIP where faith works through (hope) love.**

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus answered and said to PETER, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood
has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. | MATTHEW 16:15-17 NKJV

1. Faith

**VISION IS VITAL for it is THE REVELATION THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE in our
FAITH in Jesus, whose words are spirit and life as we walk by Faith.**

But without faith it is impossible to [walk with God and] please Him, for whoever comes [near] to God
must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He rewards those who [earnestly and diligently]
seek Him. | HEBREWS 11:6 AMP

2. Hope

**VISION IS VITAL for it is THE REVELATION THAT MAKES THE
DIFFERENCE in our HOPE in Jesus, who is the powerful and
dependable anchor for our souls that helps us WORK
THROUGH WHAT WE DON'T UNDERSTAND so that
we don't drift or fall away.**

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.
It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where
our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He
has become a high priest forever, in the order of



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Melchizedek. | *HEBREWS 6:19-20 NIV*

3. Love

VISION IS VITAL for it is **THE REVELATION THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE** in our **LOVE** that was poured out in our hearts by His Spirit to helps us to overlook unkindness and unselfishly seek the best for others.

And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.” | *1 PETER 4:8 NKJV*

Conclusion:

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 TLB

- If we have the gift of being able to speak in other languages without learning them and could speak in every language there is in all of heaven and earth, but didn't love others, we would only be making noise.
- If we have the gift of prophecy and know all about what is going to happen in the future, knowing everything about everything, but didn't love others, what good would it do?
- Even if we have the gift of faith so that we could speak to a mountain and make it move, we would still be worth nothing at all without love.
- If we give everything we have to poor people, and if we are burned alive for preaching the Gospel but don't love others, it would be of no value whatever.

Because love covers a multitude of sin, our love must be very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty or selfish or rude. Our love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong. *LOVE NEVER FAILS.*

**"Salvation is free.
Discipleship is expensive."**

Tony Evans

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Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. | 1 PETER 5:8 (NKJV)

Because THE OVERCOMER LOVES GOD MORE, he ALLOWS the LOVE OF GOD SHED IN HIS OWN HEART by GOD'S SPIRIT to SPEAK, which PROPERLY POSITIONS, POSTURES, AND POISES him to ENGAGE THE ENEMY on the EVIL DAY.

I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here. | JOHN 14:30-31 (NKJV)

1. POSITION

THE OVERCOMER POSITIONS HIMSELF, standing on the WORD OF GOD, IN POWER

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. 3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 But He answered and said, *"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"* | MATTHEW 4:1-11 (NKJV)

2. POSTURE

THE OVERCOMER POSTURES HIMSELF, submitting his will to GOD'S WILL through PRAYER.

39 Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. 40 When He came to the place, He said to them, *"Pray that you may not enter into temptation."*

41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, *"Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."* 43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening



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Him. 44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

45 When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. 46 Then **He said to them**, “*Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.*” | LUKE 22:39-46 (NKJV)

3. POISE

THE OVERCOMER POSIES HIMSELF, surrendering his way to GOD’S WAY by **PARDONING**.

32 There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. 33 And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. 34 Then **Jesus said**, “*Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.*” And they divided His garments and cast lots. | 1 PETER 4:8 NKJV

Conclusion:

1 John 5:1-5 (TPT) | *The Proof of Love and the Victory of Faith*

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Messiah is God’s spiritual child and has been fathered by God himself. *And everyone who loves Father God loves his children as well.* 2 *This is how we can be sure that we love the children of God: by having a passionate love for God and by obedience to his commands.* 3 *True love for God means obeying his commands, and his commands don’t weigh us down as heavy burdens.* 4 You see, every child of God overcomes the world, for our faith is the victorious power that triumphs over the world. 5 So who are the world conquerors, defeating its power? Those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

Thus, **THE OVERCOMER LOVES GOD MORE**, willingly laying down his own words, will and way for GOD’S WORD, WILL and WAY. THEN AND ONLY THEN is the OVERCOMER PROPERLY POSITIONED, POSTURED, and POISED to ENGAGE THE ENEMY on the EVIL DAY.

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Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand. | *DANIEL 12:10 (NKJV)*

Because **THE REVELATION MAKES the DIFFERENCE**, the Overcomer is **READY TO BE REFINED**, counting it all joy when he faces various trials for he **UNDERSTANDS** that the testing of his faith produces endurance, steadfastness and patience, allowing it to have full play and do a thorough work in his **CHARACTER**.

When angry, do not sin; do not ever let your wrath (your exasperation, your fury or indignation) last until the sun goes down. Leave no [such] room or foothold for the devil [give no opportunity to him]. | *EPHESIANS 4:26-27 (AMPC)*

Understand this: Let everyone be quick to hear [be a careful, thoughtful listener], slow to speak [a speaker of carefully chosen words and], slow to take offense and to get angry (AMPC) [patient, reflective, forgiving]; for the [resentful, deep-seated] anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God [that standard of behavior which He requires from us].
| *JAMES 1:19-20 (AMPC)*

Thus, nothing shall offend the **THE OVERCOMER** or make him to stumble because He loves the Word of God. So, he is ever **READY TO BE REFINED** as he deals with his **INNER ME**, being **QUICK TO HEAR, SLOW TO SPEAK, AND SLOW TO TAKE OFFENSE** and **TO GET ANGRY** so that he gives the enemy **NO GROUND**. Thus, **WE GIVE THE DEVIL NO GROUND** in the **INNER ME** by being **R.E.A.D.Y.—READY TO BE REFINED**.

R—RECOGNIZE to RELEASE RISKS & REBELLION

As for us, we have all of these great witnesses who



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encircle us like clouds. So we must let go of RISKS—every wound that has pierced us—and REBELLION—the sin we so easily fall into. Then we will be able to run life's marathon race with passion and determination, for the path has been already marked out before us. | *HEBREWS 12:1 (TPT)*

E—EVALUATE the ENCROACHMENT OF THE ENEMY to ERADICATE foothold.

Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, fenced in and hidden, which you do not know (do not distinguish and recognize, have knowledge of and understand). | *JEREMIAH 33:3 (AMP)*

A—ADJUST the ATTITUDE to ALIGN WITH THE ANOINTED ONE

We can demolish every deceptive fantasy that opposes God and break through every arrogant attitude that is raised up in defiance of the true knowledge of God. We capture, like prisoners of war, every thought and insist that it bow in obedience to the Anointed One. 6 Since we are armed with such dynamic weaponry, we stand ready to punish any trace of rebellion, as soon as you choose complete obedience. | *2 CORINTHIANS 10:5-6 (TPT) NKJV*

D—DETERMINE to DO—Determine to do WHAT'S DUE

Don't just listen to the Word of Truth and not respond to it, for that is the essence of self-deception. So always let his Word become like poetry written and fulfilled by your life! | *JAMES 1:22 (TPT)*

Y—YIELD YOUR WILL TO HIS WILL IN PRAYER and FASTING.

In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out. | *EPHESIANS 6:18 (MSG)*

Thus, Because the OVERCOMER is READY TO BE REFINED, he is QUICK TO HEAR, listening to the Spirit so that he gets an understanding to what the Spirit is saying. He is SLOW TO SPEAK as well as SLOW TO TAKE OFFENSE and TO GET ANGRY so that he gives THE ENEMY NO GROUND in his INNER ME.



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Consistent Conscious Commitment

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. |

COLOSSIANS 3:1-2 (NLT)

Our old way of life before we believed in Christ is completely in the past. We should put it behind us like old clothes to be thrown away. When we decided to accept Christ's gift of salvation, it is both a once-for-all-time decision as well as a **CONSISTENT CONSCIOUS COMMITMENT.**

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But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. | *PHILIPPIANS 3:20 (NLT)*

For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 And when Christ, who is your[a] life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

| *COLOSSIANS 3:3-4 (NLT)*

BECAUSE Ephesians 4:17 (MSG) life is no life for THE OVERCOMER, he shows his TRANSFER OF CITIZENSHIP by his CONSISTENT CONSCIOUS COMMITMENT to live and walk in the Spirit. For THE REVELATION of his CITIZENSHIP makes the difference in his COMMITMENT because he is a DISCIPLE of Christ and continually learns ALL ABOUT Christ.

THUS, we are God's masterpiece, RE-CREATED in Christ Jesus to do the good things He planned for us long ago. THEREFORE, THE OVERCOMER makes an OATH OF KINGDOM CITIZENSHIP by making a CONSISTENT CONSCIOUS COMMITMENT to RENOUNCE, RENEW, and REGENERATE.

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1. RENOUNCE — to give up, refuse, or resign usually by formal declaration

...throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. | *EPHESIANS 4:22 (NLT)*

2. RENEW — to program anew, renovate, reform the mind

Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. | *EPHESIANS 4:23 (NLT)*

3. REGENERATE — formed or created again, spiritually reborn or converted, restored to a better, higher, or more worthy state

Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. | *EPHESIANS 4:24 (NLT)*

CONCLUSION:

We are citizens of heaven, living as resident aliens upon this earth. Therefore, we must make a CONSISTENT CONSCIOUS COMMITMENT to LIVE GOD'S WAY.

Galatians 5:22-25 (MSG)

But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.

Legalism is helpless in bringing this about; it only gets in the way. Among those who belong to Christ, everything connected with getting our own way and mindlessly responding to what everyone else calls necessities is killed off for good—crucified.

Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives.



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Remind them to be SUBJECT to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work....| *TITUS 3:1 (NKJV)*

Likewise, as Kingdom Citizens, we are to be SUBJECT to the Government of our Kingdom of God and should be OBLIGED TO OBEY—always ready and willing to do what is good and pleasing in HIS sight, just like our Leader Jesus. For He said in John 14:31 (AMP): “I do as the Father has commanded Me, so that the world may know and be convinced that I love the Father and that I do only what the Father has instructed Me to do. I act in full agreement with His orders.”

Therefore, the Overcomer does what his Lord and King asks or desires in order to please Him. Because he is bound by his OATH OF CITIZENSHIP, (James 1:25) he “looks carefully into the perfect law of liberty, and faithfully abides by it, not as a careless listener who forgets but an active doer who obeys.” Thus, he is “blessed and favored by God in what he does in his life of obedience.”

LOVE IS OBEDIENT, making OBEDIENCE the HIGHEST FORM OF LOVE. Thus, the Overcomer LOVES the LORD his GOD with all his HEART, with all his SOUL, and with all his MIND for therein is the MOTIVE, MANNER and MASTERY of his OBEDIENCE.

1. MOTIVE

Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. | *MATTHEW 22:37 (NLT)*

Heart is spelled H-E-A-R-T. At the center of the word HEART is the word EAR. Thus, whoever or whatever has your heart, has your ear. And you will be OBLIGED TO OBEY the whoever or whatever has your heart.

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2. MANNER

Jesus replied, “**You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.** |
MATTHEW 22:37 (NLT)

God requires a **WILLING HEART** because is more interested in your **WANT TO**, than your **DID DO** (Ask Cain). Thus, our **MANNER OF OBEDIENCE** is **WILLING OBEDIENCE**. Anything else is unwilling obedience, which does not please God. Though the tasks gets done, unwilling obedience is not easily detected. Thus, an unwilling obedient person eventually stops everything because he **NEVER** wanted to, which exposes his true motive. Therefore, **WILLING OBEDIENCE** requires you to work out your salvation with trembling and fear while God works in the passion and desire to do what pleases Him.

3. MASTERY

Jesus replied, “**You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.** |
MATTHEW 22:37 (NLT)

The **MASTERY OF OBEDIENCE** begins and ends in the mind. When we **MEDITATE—MUSING, MULLING, MOANING—**over the **WORD OF GOD**, we are well-able (2 Corinthians 10:5-6 MSG) to **SMASH** warped philosophies, **TEAR DOWN** barriers erected against the truth of God, **FIT** every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ. **IT MAKES US READY TO CLEAR** the ground of every obstruction so that we can **BUILD** lives of obedience into maturity.

CONCLUSION:

In Mark 12:28-34, upon noticing the insightfulness of the religious scholar's response to His response to his question, “Which is most important of all the commandments,” Jesus said to him, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God.”

When we are **OBLIGED TO OBEY** in **MOTIVE, MANNER, and MASTERY**, we will not find ourselves on the outside looking in, but on the inside, living in **HIS KINGDOM**.



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Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones. | *PROVERBS 3:5-8 (NKJV)*

Thus, THE OVERCOMER trusts the Lord completely, relying upon Him with all his heart. He does not rely on his own opinions, thinking for even a moment that he knows it all. Instead, he runs to the ALL-KNOWING ONE. And in order to give the OMNISCIENT ONE his undivided devotion and avoid the very appearance of evil, THE OVERCOMER MASTERS HIS MIND so that he can fully and completely MASTER HIS OBEDIENCE.

A 2020 study showed that we think a different thought every 6.5 seconds. Thus, if we are going to love the Lord our God with all our MIND, we must MASTER INCESSANT THOUGHTS. We MASTER THE CHATTER through the Word of God for it "interprets and reveals the true thoughts and secret motives of our hearts. Not one person can hide their thoughts from God, for nothing we do remains a secret, and nothing created is concealed, but everything is exposed and defenseless before his eyes, to whom we must render an account" (Heb 4:12-13 TPT).

As Kingdom Citizens we must be OBLIGED TO OBEY our King and Lord. Yet, we find handicaps, hindrances and hold-backs from keeping us fully obedient. For until we are secure and complete in our obedience, we can't deal with those who remain disobedient. Thus, we must overthrow and destroy strongholds, dismantling the defenses we hide behind, by clearing our minds of the REDOUBTS of REASONINGS, RAILINGS and RATIONALIZATIONS.



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1. REASONINGS are IMAGINATIONS (2 Corinthians 10:5a KJV)

Romans 8:7-8 (AMP) | Because the mind of the flesh with its carnal thoughts and purposes is hostile to God, it does not submit itself to God's Law for it cannot. So then those who are living the life of the flesh—catering to the appetites and impulses of their carnal nature—cannot please or satisfy God, or be acceptable to Him.

2. RAILINGS are HIGH THINGS (2 Corinthians 10:5b KJV)

APOSTLE PAUL SAYS IN Romans 8:37-39 (NKJV) | In all these things—tribulations, distress, persecution, famine, peril or sword—we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor HEIGHT—HIGH THINGS—nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. RATIONALIZATIONS are THOUGHTS (2 Corinthians 10:5c), which are defined as mental perceptions, evil purpose, that which thinks, the mind, thoughts or purposes.

APOSTLE PAUL SAID IN 2 Corinthians 11:2-3 (AMP) | "For I am zealous for you with a godly eagerness and a divine jealousy, for I have betrothed you to one Husband, to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But [now] I am fearful, lest that even as the serpent beguiled Eve by his cunning, so your minds may be corrupted and seduced from wholehearted and sincere and pure devotion to Christ."

CONCLUSION:

Like Apostle Paul in Romans 12:1-2, I APPEAL to you, Overcomer, and beg of you in view of all the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies—presenting all your members and faculties—as a living sacrifice, holy, devoted, consecrated, and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable, rational, intelligent service and spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world or age—fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs—but be transformed by the entire renewal of your mind. Be changed by its new ideals and new attitude so that you may prove for yourself what is the good, acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect in His sight for you.



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Escape to Endure

Run as fast as you can from all the ambitions and lusts of youth; and
chase after all that is pure | 2 TIMOTHY 2:22 (TPT)

(Life Application Study Bible Notes for 2:22)

"Running away is sometimes considered cowardly. But wise people realize that removing themselves physically from temptation often can be the most courageous action to take. Timothy, a young man and preacher, was warned to run from anything that produced evil thoughts."

Thus, if you aim at and pursue all that is virtuous and good, right living, conformity to the will of God in thought, word, and deed (AMPC), you will run as fast as you can from all the ambitions and lusts of your youth. Then, "Whatever builds up your faith and deepens your love WILL become your holy pursuit. And YOU WILL live in peace with all those who worship our Lord Jesus with pure hearts."

Because Ezekiel 43:12 (NLT) says: "THIS IS THE BASIC LAW OF THE TEMPLE: ABSOLUTE HOLINESS! The entire top of the mountain where the Temple is built is holy. Yes, this is the basic law of the Temple," THE OVERCOMER knows that his body is now the sacred temple of the Spirit of Holiness, who lives in him. He knows that he doesn't belong to himself any longer, for the gift of God, the Holy Spirit, lives inside his sanctuary. For he recognizes that he is God's expensive purchase, paid for with tears of blood, so by all means, then, the Overcomer uses his body to bring glory to God (1 Cor 6:19-20 TPT).

Because (2 Tim 2:19 AMPC) "the firm foundation, laid by God, stands, sure and unshaken, bearing this seal (inscription): The Lord knows those who are His, and, Let everyone who names himself by the name of the Lord give up all iniquity and stand aloof from it," we must ESCAPE TO ENDURE by



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fleeing these things:

1. FALSE TEACHING — 1 Tim 6:3-16

That which does not agree with the healthy instruction of our Lord Jesus or does not lead to godly living

2. SEXUAL IMMORALITY — 1 Cor 6:12-20

Illicit sexual intercourse (from harlotry to fig. idolatry), he who commits it sins against his own body

3. IDOLATRY — 1 Corinthians 10:14-22

Worship of false gods, including extreme greed, and any vice connected to it

CONCLUSION: 1 Cor 10:1-13

1 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, 2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 5 BUT WITH MOST OF THEM God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. 7 And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." 8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; 9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; 10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.



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Run the Race

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 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. |

HEBREWS 12:1-2 (NKJV)

Thus, the OVERCOMER (1 Cor 9:24-27 MSG) RUNS HIS RACE to WIN. Like an olympic marathon runner, he TRAINS HARD, exerting all his efforts to overcome on the RACE COURSE OF FAITH. Therefore, he possesses PERSEVERANCE, PASSION, and PEOPLE in his PREPARATION for the PRIZE.

1. PERSEVERANCE is the characteristic of a person who is not swerved from his deliberate and determined purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings. For the runner, it is the ability to withstand fatigue, improving his long-term potential, to help go the distance.

Heb 10:32-39 (MSG) Remember those early days after you first saw the light? Those were the hard times! Kicked around in public, targets of every kind of abuse—some days it was you, other days your friends. If some friends went to prison, you stuck by them. If some enemies broke in and seized your goods, you let them go with a smile, knowing they couldn't touch your real treasure. Nothing they did bothered you, nothing set you back. So don't throw it all away now. You were sure of yourselves then. It's still a sure thing! But you need to stick it out, staying with God's plan so you'll be there for the promised completion. It won't be long now, he's on the way; he'll show up most any minute. But anyone who is right with me thrives on loyal trust; if he cuts and runs, I won't be very happy. But we're not quitters who lose out. Oh, no! We'll stay with it and survive, trusting all the way.

2. PASSION is an intense desire for a thing that causes one to run swiftly to reach (obtain) that thing, propelling you to press on or toward it. Thus, running



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Run the Race

with passion will keep you running longer and performing better.

Philippians 3:12-14 (NKJV) 12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

3. PEOPLE | Because we don't have it all together we need pioneers, pillars, promoters to assist us in developing our full potential. Like any great coach, their ultimate goal is to prepare us to win.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NLT) 11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. 13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

4. PREPARATION | While people help us do the work, preparation is the work itself. For the runner, preparation requires the disciplining of the body to make it ready to cross the finish line, but also the discipline to make it across the finish line.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (NKJV) Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

CONCLUSION: What's a race without a PRIZE? Remember, all athletes are disciplined in their training to win a prize that will fade away. BUT THE OVERCOMER runs with purpose in every step for an ETERNAL PRIZE.

Hebrews 12:2-4 (MSG), Acts 20:22-24 (NKJV), 2 Timothy 4:7-8 (NKJV)



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Savor the Spirit

“If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. | *JOHN 14:15-18 (NKJV)*

“These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. | *JOHN 14:25-27 (NKJV)*

“But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. | *JOHN 15:26-27 (NKJV)*

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will



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guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. | *JOHN 16:7-15 (NKJV)*

WE GOT WORK TO DO on this **OVERCOMER'S JOURNEY**. None of it is possible without the **HELPER, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH**. **JESUS'** parting gift, **THE HOLY SPIRIT**, is the **SECRET SAUCE** to the **TENANTS OF THE OVERCOMER**. Thus, we must **SAVOR THE SPIRIT**.

ADVOCATE (HELPER) conveys the helping, encouraging, and strengthening work of the Spirit. **SPIRIT OF TRUTH** points to the teaching, illuminating, and reminding work of the Spirit. Thus, the **HOLY SPIRIT** ministers to both the head and the heart, and both dimensions are important in this **OVERCOMER'S JOURNEY** as we tell all we encounter **THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS**.

Before Jesus prayed for the Father to give His disciples (John 14:16-17a TPT) "another Savior, the Holy Spirit of Truth, who will be to you a friend just like Me—and He will never leave you," He said in John 16:33 (NKJV): 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 the world."

Thus, we can have victory in every situation. So, we don't have to be overcome. Instead, we overcome as we rely upon the Greater One Who gives us the power to overcome. And that power rests in the **HOLY SPIRIT**.

Acts 1:8 (AMP) But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.



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