

# WAR OF THE WORLDS – Part 15

## OUR ASSURANCE OF VICTORY IN THE WAR WITH THE WORLD

### John 17:14-18 KJV

I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. (15) I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. (16) They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. (17) Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. (18) As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

**OVERCOME:** To conquer; to vanquish; to subdue; to overcome enemies in battle.

- ❖ to defeat or succeed in controlling or dealing with something
- ❖ overcoming the temptation to care more about the things of this world than the things of God.

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### STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR VICTORY

#### 1. Make A Plan

While you don't know what is going to happen in the future, you can always plan ahead. Look at the patterns in your life and see what challenges you've struggled with.

#### 2. Know You're Not Alone

Every person in this world has their low points. Some may handle or even hide it better than others. But the truth is, whatever you are going through, there are others who have been through it too. You're not alone.

#### 3. Ask For Help

You're not alone, so you can find help. There's no need to feel ashamed for asking for help.

#### 4. Accept Support

Asking for help is only one side of the coin. On the other side of the coin, you have to be open and willing to accept support.

#### 5. Think Big

It can be easy to let yourself think small because of the fear of failure, or even the fear of making a decision. But, to accomplish great things in life, you have to be open to taking risks. With whatever challenges may arise, always think and dream big. That way, you will achieve more than you could have ever imagined. Try not to let your thoughts get in your own way.

## **6. Positive Mindset**

What you think becomes your reality. Train your mind to think positively.

## **7. Don't Give Up**

When a challenge arises, don't give up! Persistence is a huge key to overcoming challenges. Giving up means that you will neither overcome the challenge nor learn from it.

## **8. Work Smart, Not Hard**

Outline and define your goal. Then, plan the process for how to get there. Perform research to see how others who have come before you have done it.

## **9. Face Fears and Act:**

Taking action is one of the biggest steps in overcoming challenges. It's likely that a big part of whatever you're facing feels like a challenge because you have an underlying fear.

**Learning how to deal with challenges takes time, persistence, and a positive attitude. No matter your life situation, the hard times will happen. But, with the right mindset and practice, you will be able to overcome them every time and grow in the process!**

**DEALING WITH THE WORLD, THE BELIEVER HAS ADDITIONAL MEANS OF VICTORY!!!**

**Ephesians 6:10 KJV** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

**Romans 8:37 KJV** Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

**Philippians 4:13 KJV** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

- I. We are victorious in the war of the world because of Jesus' victory

**John 16:33 KJV** These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

### **❖ THE VICTORY THAT JESUS WON OVER THE WORLD IS THE PATTERN FOR OUR VICTORY OVER THE WORLD**

- Jesus defeated the power that controls the world
  - By living a sinless life
  - By the giving of his life
  - By the resurrection to life

- Jesus has gained our freedom from the power that controls the world
  - The power of His blood to cleanse from our sin
  - The power of His righteousness to help us resist temptation
  - The power of His Spirit to renew our mind

II. We are victorious in the war of the world because of the Holy Spirit

**1 John 4:4 KJV** Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

❖ **THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN THE BELIEVER IS GREATER THAN THE POWER OF THE DEVIL IN THE WORLD**

- The Holy Spirit empowers us for victory
  - The Spirit dwells in us to deliver us from unrighteousness
  - The Spirit dwells in us to make us holy
  - The Spirit dwells in us to overcome the power of the world

III. We are victorious in the war of the world because of our faith

**1 John 5:4-5 KJV** For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. (5) Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

❖ **EVERYONE THAT IS BORN OF GOD WILL STAND ON THEIR FAITH IN GOD TO OVERCOME THE WORLD**

- Faith is a weapon for victory over the world
  - Faith understands we must fight for victory
  - Faith is willing to endure the battle until the victory is won
  - Faith stands on the promises of GOD that guarantees victory over the world
  - Faith understands that victory over the world begins with confidence in Jesus, the Son of GOD.