

“CERTAINTIES FOR VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING”

INTRO: Over my many years of ministry I have had people approach me with this question: **“HOW CAN I LIVE VICTORIOUSLY FOR THE LORD?”** That is a very good question we all should ask from the day we are saved. Many believers have asked that question, learned the answer and consequently have lived victoriously for the Lord. On the other hand, many Christians struggle with living **VICTORIOUSLY FOR THE LORD** because either they have never seriously considered how to do so, or they have not applied biblical teaching on how to do so. **WHAT ABOUT YOU? CAN YOU SAY YOU ARE LIVING VICTORIOUSLY FOR THE LORD, OR ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO DO SO?** Today for a few minutes let’s consider **CERTAINTIES FOR VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING.**

OBSERVATION: **GOD DESIRES THAT EACH OF HIS CHILDREN LIVE VICTORIOUSLY FOR THEIR SPIRITUAL BLESSING AND FOR HIS HONOR.**

QUESTION: **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LIVE VICTORIOUSLY FOR THE LORD?**

ANSWER: **TO LIVE EACH DAY IN COMPLETE OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST, SO AS TO BE A LIVING WITNESS FOR THE LORD AND CONSEQUENTLY TO BRING GLORY TO GOD IN EVERY ASPECT OF OUR PERSONAL, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC LIFE.**

I. BE CERTAIN TO KNOW THE LORD PERSONALLY

KNOWING THE LORD IS THE FOUNDATION FOR VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING

- A. Do not Assume your Salvation – Matthew 7:21-23
- B. Do not Avoid the Call of Salvation – Romans 10:13

II. BE CERTAIN TO STUDY GOD’S WORD REGULARLY

REGULAR BIBLE STUDY PROVIDES THE INSIGHT FOR VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING

- A. God’s Word gives Specific Direction in Life – Psalm 119:105
- B. God’s Word brings Sure Spiritual Success – Joshua 1:8

III. BE CERTAIN TO EXERCISE PRAYER CONTINUALLY

THE CONTINUAL PRACTICE OF PRAYER IS THE KEY FOR VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING

- A. Prayer is the Source for Personal Spiritual Strength – Luke 18:1
- B. Prayer is the Source of Knowing God’s Will – Jeremiah 33:3

IV. BE CERTAIN TO FELLOWSHIP AT CHURCH FAITHFULLY

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LOCAL CHURCH IS ESSENTIAL TO VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING

- A. Consider the Example of the First Disciples – Luke 24:50-53
- B. Consider the Exhortation of the Word of God – Hebrews 10:25

V. BE CERTAIN TO DEPEND UPON THE HOLY SPIRIT CONSTANTLY

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE SOURCE OF STRENGTH FOR VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING

- A. By Being Filled with the Holy Spirit – Ephesians 5:18
- B. By Walking in the Holy Spirit – Galatians 5:16

VI. BE CERTAIN TO ANTICIPATE CHRIST’S RETURN EXPECTEDLY

FOCUSING ON THE IMMINENT RETURN OF CHRIST IS A MOTIVATION FOR VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING

- A. The Promise of Christ’s Return – John 14:2,3
- B. The Product of Christ’s Return – 1 John 3:1-3

LESSONS/APPLICATION

It is God’s desire that each of His children live the victorious Christian life consistently. He will give us all the strength to do so as we exercise the spiritual disciplines we have considered today. Determine NOW to put each of these spiritual disciplines to practice in your life and watch how your LIVING FOR CHRIST will become VICTORIOUS FOR YOUR BLESSING AND GOD’S GLORY.

NOTE: **THESE CERTAINTIES ARE NOT DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN. ALL THAT IT TAKES IS A SPIRITUAL DETERMINATION TO DO SO AND THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL ENABLE US TO PRACTICE THEM VICTORIOUSLY.**