

LIVING VICTORIOUSLY

Scripture:

Galatians 5:16

Galatians 5:16 NKJV I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Romans 8:8 NKJV So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Introduction

If we desire to walk in the Spirit and not fulfill the lusts of our flesh, how must we live? What change is required in our lifestyle? How can we participate with the Holy Spirit?

I. A life of sensitivity to the Holy Spirit

Romans 8:5 NIV But those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires: but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

A. Desensitize yourself to the fleshly nature

Colossians 3:5-10 NKJV Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. {6} Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, {7} in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. {8} But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. {9} Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, {10} and have put on the new <man> who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

B. Listen to His voice

Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29, 3:6, 13, 22 NKJV "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

1. A quiet, gentle voice

1 Kings 19:11-12 NKJV Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, <but> the LORD <was> not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, <but> the LORD <was> not in the earthquake; {12} and after the earthquake a fire, <but> the LORD <was> not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

2. The voice of the flesh screams to be heard

3. The Holy Spirit speaks in gentle whispers

a. Will not tell you to gratify your flesh

b. Will not tell you to disobey God's word

II. A life of submission to His will

Romans 6:13 NKJV And do not present your members <as> instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members <as> instruments of righteousness to God.

James 4:7 NKJV Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

A. Asking His direction

1 Samuel 23:2, 4 NKJV Therefore David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go and attack these Philistines?"

And the LORD said to David, "Go and attack the Philistines, and save Keilah." {4} Then David inquired of the LORD once again. And the LORD answered him and said, "Arise, go down to Keilah. For I will deliver the Philistines into your hand."

- 1. David was the man after God's own heart**
- 2. Seven times in the scripture he asked God for direction**

B. Obeying His commands

James 1:25 NIV But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it – he will be blessed in what he does.

C. Resisting contrary orders

III. A life of depending upon Him

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 NKJV And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. {10} Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

- A. No grace is given in a life of independence**
- B. His grace is given when we depend upon Him**