

STEPINFAITH MINISTRY

BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM, INTRO:

"INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP"



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WOMENS' DISCIPLESHIP STUDY

Lesson 3

Victory In Your Life

No doubt you have already experienced some of the trials and temptations, the discouragements and defeats that come to every Christian.

You may have even asked yourself:

- Is it possible for me to overcome the power of sin and temptation still in my life?
- Is it possible to overcome temper, irritability, pride, jealousy, gossip, worry, anger, hate, lust?
- Is any such hope of victory taught in the Bible?

A life of victory is not only possible, but also promised.

God's Word says, ". . . win the victory over the world by means of our faith. (1 John 5:4 GNB)

To experience this abundant life involves full surrender to and total dependence upon Christ.

It is not a life without temptation and difficulties. It is a life in which Jesus Himself is your strength, joy, ambition, wisdom – everything. Jesus came that He might destroy the power of Satan over you (*Whoever continues to sin belongs to the Devil, because the Devil has sinned from the very beginning. The Son of God appeared for this very reason, to destroy what the Devil had done.* -1 John 3:8 GNB).

As John said, ". . . as HE IS, so ARE WE in this world" (1 John 4:17). He is victorious, and yes, you are victorious if you depend upon Him. This lesson has been prepared to guide you in knowing how to surrender and trust, to let go and let God perform in you what He has promised (*How happy you are to believe that the Lord's message to you will come true!*" -Luke 1:45 GNB).

Memorize 1 John 5:2-4 as a reminder of how to experience **VICTORY IN YOUR LIFE**.

This is how we know that we love God's children: it is by loving God and obeying his commands. For our love for God means that we obey his commands. And his commands are not too hard for us, because every child of God is able to defeat the world. And we win the victory over the world by means of our faith. -1 John 5:2-4 GNB

Abundant Life

1. What kind of life does Christ make possible for me? (John 10:10) (1 John 5:4)
 - ❖ How do I know that an abundant life or victorious life is possible? (Romans 5:10) (Jude 1:24)
2. How am I to experience this life? (1 John 5:4) (John 3:16)
 - ❖ What does the word "faith" mean to me?
3. How do I get faith? (Romans 10:17) (2 Corinthians 13:5)
 - ❖ What must I believe? (Hebrews 11:6)
4. Am I to "ask" God for victory or "thank" Him for victory? Why? (1 Corinthians 15:57)
 - ❖ How does God give me victory? (1 Corinthians 15:57; John 15:5)

Indwelling Presence

5. If I have been born of God, who lives within me? (1 John 3:24, 4:4, 12, 13, 15, 16; Romans 8:9)
 - ❖ How did the coming of Christ into my life affect the work and power of Satan over me? (1 John 3:8)
6. What does it mean, ". . . *greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world*"? (1 John 4:4) What does it mean ". . . *as He is, so are we in the world*"? (1 John 4:17)
7. What do the following verses tell me about living a victorious Christian life? (Luke 9:23) (1 John 2:15,17, 3:11,18; 4:11) (Romans 6:13)

8. If the Holy Spirit is in control of my life, what characteristics will I have? (Galatians 5:22,23)

Overcoming Temptation

9. What can keep me from a total surrender of my life to Christ? (I John 2:16)

- ❖ What is "lust of the flesh"?
- ❖ What is "lust of the eyes"?
- ❖ What is "pride of life"?
- ❖ Christ was tempted in every way I am tempted. In what three ways was He tempted? (Matthew 4:1-11)

10. Does God ever tempt me? (James 1:13)

- ❖ Who tempts me to sin? (Matthew 4:1)
- ❖ What can I be sure of when I am tempted? (I Corinthians 10:13)
- ❖ What can I do to ward off temptation? (Matthew 26:41) (James 4:7)

11. If I sin, how does this affect the Holy Spirit living within me? (Ephesians 4:30)

- ❖ How can broken fellowship with God be restored if I yield to sin? (I John 1:9)
- ❖ What does the word "confess" mean?

- ❖ What are the consequences of unconfessed sin? (Proverbs 28:13)

- ❖ Have I confessed every known sin in my life to God? (ANSWER WITHIN YOURSELF; EVALUATE YOURSELF FULLY AND ASK GOD TO SEARCH YOUR HEART!!!)

- ❖ Has He forgiven me and cleansed me?

12. Am I allowing the Holy Spirit to fully control me life? (ANSWER WITHIN YOURSELF; EVALUATE YOURSELF FULLY AND ASK GOD TO SEARCH YOUR HEART!!!)

- ❖ If not, what is keeping me from being controlled by the Spirit? (ANSWER WITHIN YOURSELF; EVALUATE YOURSELF FULLY AND ASK GOD TO SEARCH YOUR HEART!!!)

- ❖ What can I do NOW to allow the Spirit to have full control of my life? (ANSWER WITHIN YOURSELF; EVALUATE YOURSELF FULLY AND ASK GOD TO SEARCH YOUR HEART!!!)