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Precepts for Being Conquerors in the Lord

“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”

Rom 8:37

Many Christians are often defeated, depressed and discouraged in our daily spiritual battles. The sly and deceptive foe has often deceived and defeated us again and again. Many sincere and well-meaning Christians fail in their quest for a victorious life. Is it possible to be victorious in our daily walk with Christ alone or is it by ourselves? The following points will guide us in the understanding and application of this matter:



1. Prevail in Prayer to God



‘... men ought always to pray, and not to faint’ (Lk 18:1).

John Bunyan defines it as “PRAYER is a sincere, sensible, affectionate pouring out of the heart or soul to God, through Christ, in the strength and assistance of the Holy Spirit, for such things as God has promised, or according to his Word, for the good of the church, with submission in faith to the will of God”. To prevail means: to “TRIUMPH. . . or to be or become effective PERSIST” - Webster.

Many Christians fail when we fail in prayer because of neglect or indifference or disobedience in our lives. They settle for just a superficial prayer life without power. We need to disciple ourselves to persevere in intercessory prayer always. Start the day right with God on our knees like Daniel of old (Dan 6:10).

A puritan once prayed “Lord Jesus, give me a deeper repentance, a horror of sin, a dread of its approach. Help me chastely to flee it and jealously to resolve that my heart shall be Thine alone.” We need to sincerely do this daily for prayer is not prattle, it is battle.

2. Pursue the Promises of God

‘For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope’ (Rom 15:4).



The promises of God were not written for the Old Testaments saints only but for present-day Christians and we are to know them and practice them. It is applicable for all generations. God's Word teaches they "were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Rom 15:4).

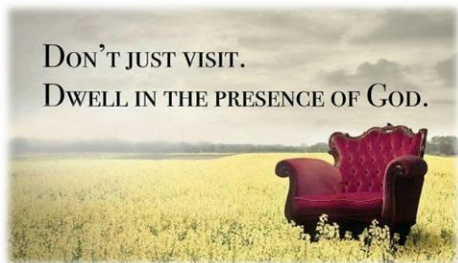
We need to believe and apply he promises and warnings in the Word, read them, recall them often and practice and trust in God's Word. Psalm 119:9-11 says, *'Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.'*

We can triumph through God's Word as it is the sword of the Spirit coupled with other 5 pieces used in the armour of God (Eph 6:10-18). The right use of the Word is the effective weapon for a victorious battle when we believe the promises of God,

3. Practice the Presence of God

'Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded' (Jas 4:8).

Drawing near to God comes through the confession and repentance of sins and the meditation of His Word and the recognition and awareness of God's presence as being with



us at all times. He has promised, 'I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee' (Heb 13:5). Isaiah 41:10 says, '*Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*'

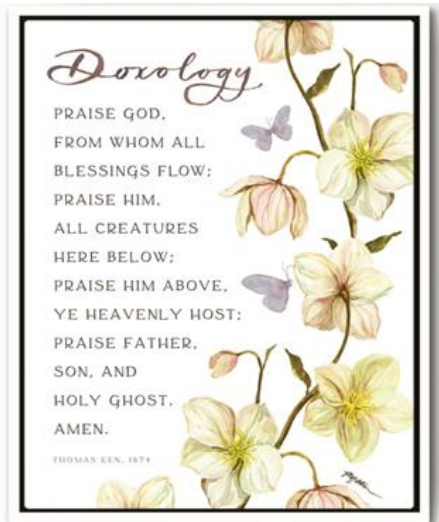
We need to be conscious of God's presence when we walk, work and pray, read God's Word diligently and worship Him reverently in spirit and truth on every Sabbath. We need to acknowledge the holy presence and power of God while participating in His work relying on His Holy Spirit to guide and lead us. **Doing God's work with God's help in God's way draws us closer to Him.**

4. Proclaim the Praises of God

Praise is the language that we will speak in heaven and let us learn it well on earth.

'Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you. And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD. And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high. And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper' (2 Chr 20:17-20).

Some Christians fail to live victoriously because they do not worship and praise the Lord nor seek Him first. Do you keep the Lord's day holy in worship and rest? 1 Chronicles 16:28 says, '*Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.*' Hebrews 13:15 says, '*By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.*' We can be conquerors by proclaiming the praises of God as the psalmist did (Psa 145:2-3). **Praise is the eternal mode of communication in heaven and should be the common speech of every born again Christian as we give thanks to God and worship Him daily and on the Sabbath corporately.** The victory goes to those who worship and honour God first and obey His holy will.



Conclusion

The Lord told Joshua in Joshua 1:8 says, *'This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.'*

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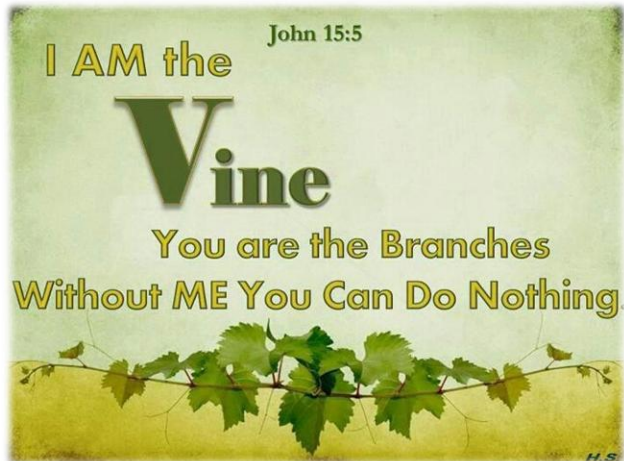


The Christian is a soldier of Christ, and he fights spiritual battles everyday. The weapons we used are not carnal, but they are Mighty in the Lord alone. Nothing short of the full armour of God can help us (Eph 6:10-18) The Word of God is the inspired and infallible manual for us and the powerful Sword of the Spirit for spiritual combat.

We can be triumphant provided we rely fully on the Lord and His Word with prayer and not on our own feeble and puny strength. Phil 4:13 says, *'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.'* Moses and Joshua were victorious in the days of the battle against the Egyptians and the Canaanites. During the time of the Judges, there were lapses and God delivered them through Judges.

God will help us when we humbly seek and honour Him first. He is our Lord and eternal Refuge and He will surely guide and lead us in all times in all circumstances. when we turn to him. **This is the only formula for spiritual success for without Him, we can do nothing (Jn 15:5).**

Jack Sin



Approaching God with the Right Disposition

LORD'S DAY PROGRAMME FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2025

APRIL

- 6 Approaching God with Reverence and Fear (JHeb 12:20-28)
- 13* Approaching God as Students of His Word (Luk 24:24-33)
- 18* GOOD FRIDAY
The Darkest Day for the Son of God (Luk 23:37-56)
- 20 RESURRECTION SUNDAY
The Power of the Risen Christ (1 Pet 1:1-13)
- 27 Approaching God with Fervency in Spirit (Rom 12:1-12)

MAY

- 4 Approaching God with Humble Penitence (Act 20:1-21)
- 11* Approaching God with Praise (Psa 103:1-15)
- 18 Approaching God with Faith (JHeb 11:1-6)
- 25 Approaching God with a Burden for His Kingdom (1 Cor 9:1-16)

JUNE

- 1 Approaching God as Faithful Stewards (1 Cor 4:1-10)
- 8* Approaching God with Holiness (Isa 6:1-8)
- 15 Approaching God with Maturity (JHeb 5:12-14)
- 22 Approaching God with Patience (Psa 27:1-14)
- 29 Approaching God as Pilgrims (1 Pet 2:1-12)

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Evangelism@ Macpherson on 23 Mar 2025



Pray for the salvation of Silva Kumar from Tamil Nadu who is open to the gospel

Pray for the salvation of Angela and Janice who are receptive to the Gospel and accepted our tracts and Gideon Bibles from John.



Our senior members who helped to distribute the Gospel Sunday invitations and tracts in the letter boxes.

Every work for Jesus will be blest
But He asks from everyone His best
Our talents may be few
These may be small
But unto Him is due
Our best, our all



constantly bearing
in mind your work
of faith and labor
of love and your
steadfastness of
hope in our Lord
Jesus Christ in the
presence of our
God and Father



1 Thessalonians 1:3

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Pastor & Angie with Dr Carl McIntire & his family in 2001 in New Jersey, USA.

Dr Carl McIntire was the founder of the Bible Presbyterian denomination in 1937 and ICCB In 1948.

Thank you for sharing this very important part of the history of the Bible Presbyterian Church. We too remember Dr. Carl McIntire and the Collingwood BPC. We visited him a few times in his home when he was in his nineties. We had fellowship with his daughter Marianna Clark when we were serving at The IBPFM missions office. We continue to remember the faithful pastors and brethren who hold sound reformed doctrines, in defence of the most holy Christian faith.

May God continue to bless you and all those who are faithfully proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To God be the glory.

Rev Edward Paaue
Hope BPC, Adelaide, Australia



Pastor & Angie with Rev Ed & Mrs Lehia Paaue in 2018.

Memory Verse

Matt 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this Gospel Sunday morning on "**Who is Christ to You?**" (**Acts 17:15-31**)".
3. Next Sunday, Pastor will preach on "**Approaching God with Reverence and Fear (Heb 12:20-28)**", commencing a new quarterly series on "**Approaching God with the Right Disposition**".
4. Sunday School classes after the worship service are:
 - Walking Through the Old Testament (Pastor)
 - Studies in Job (Dr Kwong Leen)
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on New Testament Foundations and the 10 Commandments. [**Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178**].
6. **2025 Annual Church Camp** will be held on **Jun 10-13** at **Forest City Marina Hotel**, Johor, Malaysia on the theme "**Wise or Foolish Living in a Smartphone Era**" and guest speaker **Rev Tan Eng Boo**. Register by 29 Mar 2025 with Dn Paul at hp:97314733.
7. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. [**Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625551**].
8. Pray for:
 - **Medical: Mrs Philip Heng** [brain aneurysm post op], **Poh Suan** [fractured right ankle], **Dn Paul's mother** [medical conditions], **John W's sister Angeline** [lung Cancer], **Kim Meng** [fractured left wrist], **John W's daughter** [dialysis treatment].
 - **Myanmar Missions: Rev David Khobal** (Biblical Reformed Seminary), **Eld Habakkuk** (Gilead Balm Home), **Myitta** (Community Outreach), **Lapui** (Widows Ministry)
9. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

Kindly indicate "**Church Building Fund**" if you would like to designate towards this cause.