

How To Have a Victorious Christian Life

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If you are going to have victory over sin, the following things must be true in your life:

1. You must be born again. You need to have the power of sin in your life broken by Jesus Christ. Your old man must be crucified with Christ before you can say “Yes” to God and “No” to self (see Romans 6).
2. You must have Christ’s Spirit living in you and controlling you. He will give you the desire and the power to resist temptation and obey God (see Philippians 2:13, 4:13; Romans 8:7-10; Gal. 5:16-26).
“I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. And the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Gal. 2:20).
3. Yield yourself completely to God each moment (Rom. 6:12-13, 12:1-2; Gal. 5:16-17; Matt. 16:24-25).
4. Confess and forsake all known sin—both now and in the future, as soon as you sin against the Lord (see Psalm 38:18 & 51:9-10; Prov. 28:13, 6:16-19; Matt. 5:29-30; Mark 9:43-48).
5. Get away from things that tempt you to sin in your thoughts, word, or actions (Joseph ran away from Mrs. Potiphar. See I Cor. 6:18; Prov. 4:13-19, 13:20; Rom.13:14; Ps. 101:3).
6. “Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles [tricks] of the devil” (see Ephesians 6:10-20). You put on the armor of God as you take in His Word.
7. Memorize and review Scripture daily; and **quote the Scripture every time you are tempted** (Jesus quoted Scripture when Satan tempted Him – Matt. 4:4; Psalm 37:31 & 119:11, 133).
8. Reject sinful thoughts, and replace them by thinking on God's Word (Rom. 12:21; II Cor. 10:5).
9. Stay busy serving God by helping people spiritually and physically (Romans 12:11-13; I Peter 4:9-11).
10. Pray for victory (Mark 14:38; Matt. 21:22; I John 3:22; Jeremiah 33:3).
11. Allow other Christians to help you (counsel, encouragement, accountability – Heb. 3:12, 10:24-25).

Eight Dangers of TV, Movies, and Video Games

1. These entertainments take your time and attention away from God’s Word, prayer, and helping people (Col. 3:1-2).
2. Many sinful things are shown as funny or normal (immodesty, drinking, smoking, dancing, unmarried people kissing and hugging, fornication, adultery, disrespect / disobedience to authorities). “Fools make a mock at sin.”
3. God’s name is used in vain many times (Exodus 20:7 forbids this). Will you tolerate this wicked blasphemy?
4. Many lies are told and shown (evolution, aliens; happiness is found in people, pleasure, possessions, sex, parties, drinking, music, financial/career success, etc.). **See John 4:13-14 & 8:44; also Psalm 119:104, 113, 163.**
5. You are influenced to dress, talk, think, and act like unsaved people do (see Romans 12:1-2 / I John 2:15).
6. You are bombarded with immodesty, sensual music, sinful language, and wrong philosophies (Proverbs 4:23).
7. Secular media makes it easy for you to think on wrong things (see **Phil. 4:8, Psalm 1:1-2 and 119:97, 113**).
8. God hates most of what is shown (see 7 things God hates in Proverbs 6:16-19). Should you be entertained with what God hates (see Psalm 119:53, 158 & Romans 12:9b)? “Lovest thou Me more than these” (John 21:15)?