

Bible Resources for Living in Victory

Understand Jesus' Mission: It is well established history that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to live on earth two thousand years ago. When He died on the cross (having never sinned) at the hands of sinners, He took all our sins; as well as, diseases on His body (see Galatians 3:13, I Peter 2:24). Jesus came to show us what Father God is like. He said that when you see Him, you've seen the Father.

Get into Jesus' Kingdom: He came to save the lost, the poor, the sick, the oppressed, those who need a Savior. His heart is full of love, mercy, and compassion for us. He wants to make us citizens of His heavenly kingdom, so that we can enjoy the full benefits; such as, healing, provision; as well as, His guidance and protection. In order to transfer from the worldly kingdom that we're all born into, we pledge our lives in service to Jesus Christ and give Him the leadership of our lives. So, humility is required to receive Jesus and His teaching, as Jesus said in Matthew 18:3, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Know our mission: Father God raised Jesus from the dead on the third day to show His approval of Jesus who then received all power and authority, in heaven and earth, from Father God. Before He ascended to heaven, Jesus said, "Go therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (see Matthew 28:19-20).

Understand Jesus' teaching: Careful study of Jesus teaching in the Gospels can reveal life-changing truths and promises. Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5-7; although, often titled, "Sermon on the Mount", could also be called, "Jesus' Principles of Success"; since, Jesus ended by saying, "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell – and great was its fall." In order to ensure that we are building our house on the rock, it is necessary that we study Jesus' teachings closely so that we can understand Jesus' wisdom on how we should relate to others and to God.

Understand forgiving: A major root of many diseases is bitterness and not forgiving (Matthew 6:12, 14-15). Medical science has found that holding a grudge against some one can result in the person's body responding with over-release of cortisol that over the long term disables the immune system from doing its work. It is important that a person seeking healing forgive anybody, living or dead, that may have offended him – no matter how grievous the offense. For some, it may also be necessary to forgive self. Some may also need to forgive God for offenses that, in our limited understanding, we have accused Him with; but, most likely was not God's doing. Because God has forgiven us our offenses, He expects us to also forgive others for theirs (see Matthew 18:21-35). Many people are experiencing torment (sicknesses, poverty, failure) as a result of being unforgiving toward others.

Understand healing is already done: Matthew 8-9; as well as other passages, show us that Jesus responds to our steadfast faith as we believe that He is willing and able to heal us of any disease, no matter how serious the diagnosis. Matthew 8:17 states that Jesus fulfilled the prophet Isaiah's prophecy declared hundreds of years before, "He Himself took our infirmities and carried away our diseases." Also, we read in I Peter 2:24, "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed."

Understand faith: However, receiving healing often involves taking risk and; therefore, often we can experience fear. Note: All fear can be traced back to the fear of death. One way we can build trust in our Lord is by spending time with Him, meditating on key passages of scripture; such as, Matthew 5-10 and other passages where Jesus teaches or talks to His disciples. By reading and re-reading these scripture passages and putting ourselves in the situations with Jesus and hearing His voice teaching and talking to us, the words of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, have power to change how we think; so that we are better able to carry out our mission in His service.

Live by faith: A sure sign that we are living by faith is experiencing true peace. The apostle Paul says in Phillipians 4:6-7, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” When we trust in Jesus and His teaching, as a child trusts his parents, we are able to walk through life’s situations without fear, knowing that Jesus knows our hearts are desiring to honor Him. When we start to live by faith we can experience fear because of the uncertainty and it can feel like walking on water. Matthew 14:22-33 tells us about how the apostle Peter, following Jesus command, started walking on the water toward Jesus. The lesson here is that we can walk on the water (have victory over a difficult situation) if we keep our eyes on Jesus by meditating on Jesus in the scriptures while continuing in thankfulness, worshiping and praising Him.

Speak in faith: Another measure of our faith is what and how we speak. We activate the power of our faith to accomplish goals and desires by speaking only the truth of God’s word. Jesus taught in Mark 11:22-24, after demonstrating the power of our words by how quickly that the fig tree he cursed died, “Have faith in God. Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea.’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.” Here, Jesus showed that we can cause change in our world by the words that we speak; for example, we can command a tumor to die in Jesus name and, by faith in Jesus, know that the tumor has to die. Along the same lines, it is very important to avoid grumbling and complaining; since, it moves us out of a position of faith. Also, avoid speaking what we see as our currently undesirable situation; since, because of the power of our words, this only enables the situation to continue.

Preach Jesus: According to Matthew 10:1, Jesus gave His disciples “authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.” In the rest of the chapter, He instructs them on what they might experience on the way. But in verse 28, He encourages us to be bold in preaching His kingdom, “Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him (Father God) who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” In verse 32, Jesus says, “Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.” As we honor Jesus by preaching the truth about Him and His desire for people to be part of His kingdom, Jesus will make sure our Father knows what we’re doing and They can get us what we need when we need it; including, supernatural and angelic help. When we preach what Jesus taught; even when we may not feel that we are currently experiencing what we are preaching, we position ourselves to receive the benefits of His promises.

Know the Enemy: We need to understand that our enemy will try to oppose us in our efforts to live our lives in a way that is pleasing to Father God through Jesus’ teaching. Matthew 4 tells how Satan tempted Jesus and how Jesus countered with scriptures. So, it is very important to dedicate ourselves to meditating on scripture truths that strengthen our faith and asking Father God to show us how to apply

it to our lives. In Matthew 4:4, Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 8:3 saying, “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.” In other words, God’s word is as essential to healthy living as the food we eat.

Don’t give up: In Matthew 7:7-8, Jesus encourages us to keep steadfast in seeking Him, “Ask (and continue asking), and it will be given to you; seek (and continue seeking), and you will find; knock (and continue knocking), and it will be opened to you.” Keep following Jesus while praying that the Father will help us to live productive lives in His service.

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