

Discipleship 201
Lesson 9

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Key Verse: Romans 6:14 (NKJV) *“For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”*

Purpose: The purpose of this lesson is to help the disciple experience and maintain victory over sin, the flesh, and the devil.

1. It is one thing to receive _____ and _____ but it is another thing to walk in _____.
 - Israel experienced deliverance and freedom from their bondage in Egypt, but they perished in the wilderness because they did not know how to maintain victory.
2. We are engaged in a spiritual war with _____, the _____, and the _____.
 - Sin is disobedience motivated by rebellion.
 - The flesh is the remnant of the fallen human nature inherited from Adam that is inclined toward sin. It is sometimes referred to as the sin nature.
 - The devil is the arch enemy of God and of His people. He is the source of all evil and deception.
3. In spiritual warfare, we must make a _____ decision to walk in _____.
 - Genesis 4:7 (NLT) *“You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.”*
 - This long-term commitment to walk in victory is made possible by one quality _____ at a time.
4. We are not _____ in the conflict. The God who gave us victory _____ can give us victory _____.
5. The _____ of Jesus deals with _____.
6. The _____ of Jesus deals with the _____.
7. The problem is not what we have _____ but _____ we are.
 - We are not sinners because we sin. We sin because we are sinners.
 - The “sin” is the product. The “sinner” is the sin factory.
 - Illustration: If we try to eliminate alcoholism by eliminating all the beer, wine, and whiskey on the store shelves we will not succeed. We must close the brewery that makes and distributes it.
8. The _____ was not given to make us righteous. It was given to expose our sin _____.
 - The law reveals that something is wrong with US (Romans 7)
 - Romans 7:7 (NKJV) *“What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, ‘You shall not covet.’”*
 - Galatians 3:23–25 (NKJV) *“But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.*

9. The blood of Jesus _____ the sins we have committed, but it takes the _____ to stop the production of sin in our lives.
- We must understand the power of the Cross of Christ to gain victory over the sin nature.
10. Victory over sin is not reforming our _____ but transforming our _____.
- 1 Corinthians 15:22 (NKJV) *“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.”*
 - The sinner’s identification with Adam keeps them in bondage to the sin nature.
 - The believer’s identification with Christ delivers them from the power of the sin nature.
 - Romans 5:12–21 (NKJV) *“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—¹³ (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man’s offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. ¹⁷ For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) ¹⁸ Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. ¹⁹ For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, ²¹ so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*
11. The cross of Christ changes our spiritual _____ from being in _____ to being in _____.
- Galatians 2:20 (NKJV) *“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.”*
 - Romans 6:3-4 (NKJV) *“Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized INTO CHRIST JESUS were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”*
 - Spiritual Reality: When Jesus died on the cross, WE DIED WITH HIM.
 - Illustration 1: If our grandparents had died when they were three years old, we would not exist today. We would have DIED WITH THEM. In the same way, through faith, we died with Christ on His cross.
 - Illustration 2: Take a small piece to represent a person. Place it in your Bible which represents Christ. Everywhere the Bible goes, the piece of paper goes also. In the same way God has placed us IN CHRIST by faith in Him. Our old sin nature died with Him and we rose with Him as new creations.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”*
 - Spiritual Reality: We (our sin factory) died with Christ. This spiritual reality that must become a **revelation** within us if we are to experience its power.
 - If we identify with the sin nature, we will think and act like a slave to sin. If we identify with Christ, we will think and act like a free man. We will not obey the old slave master of sin.
12. Romans 6:1-14 reveals _____ steps to walking in victory.
13. The first step in walking in victory over sin is _____.
- Romans 6:6 (NKJV) *“KNOWING that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of death may be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”*
 - We must know that we _____ with Christ.
 - We must know that we are no longer a _____ to sin.

14. The second step in walking in victory over sin is _____.
- Once we *know* that we died with Christ and are no longer a slave to sin, we must *reckon it to be true*.
 - Reckoning means to reconcile.
 - Illustration: To reconcile a checkbook, we must balance make the record in our checkbook with the record presented in the bank statement.
 - God's declaration that we are now IN CHRIST is the God's bank statement of truth. To overcome the bondage of the sin nature in Adam, we must reconcile our identity and thinking with who we are in Christ.
 - Romans 6:11 (NKJV) *"Likewise you also, RECKON YOURSELVES to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD."*
 - We must line up our thoughts to these two realities in Christ:
 - We are _____ to sin.
 - We are _____ to God
15. The third step in walking in victory over sin is _____.
- 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."*
 - As one who has died, the members of our body are now unemployed.
 - As one who has been made alive with Christ, we are to yield the members of our body as instruments of righteousness to God.
 - "Yielding" is a matter of the _____. We must _____ to allow Christ to live through us.
16. The fourth step in walking in victory over sin is _____.
- Our bodies are the _____ of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.
 - 1 Corinthians 6:19 (NKJV) *"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."*
17. Walking in the Spirit is yielding to a _____—the _____.
18. The Cross of Christ secures victory _____ us (salvation).
19. The Holy Spirit enables victory _____ us (holiness).
20. Why do some live in _____ over sin while others do not?
- Some are _____-conscious while others are not. Some live under condemnation because of their past while other live free of condemnation by faith in the blood of Jesus to cleanse them of all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).
 - Some are _____-conscious while others are not. Some KNOW that the Holy Spirit dwells in them while others do not.
 - Some are _____-conscious while others are not. Some recognize divine ownership while others do not
21. Christianity is not a _____ life but an _____ life.
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV) *"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."*
 - Our former life of sin is now ended, and a new life has begun.
 - We are freed from the old taskmaster of sin to become bondservants of Jesus Christ.
 - "In Christ" we cease being "owners" and become "stewards".
 - Our life is no longer our own but Christ's who lives in us.

22. Our struggle is not one of _____ vs. _____, but of _____ vs.

_____.

- Flesh: Yielding to self (carnal nature).
- Spirit: Yielding to the Holy Spirit.
- Galatians 5:16-17 (NKJV) *“I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another; so that you do not do the things you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”*
- Romans 13:14 (NKJV) *“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”*

23. Satan’s temptations are an attempt to get us to _____ in the flesh rather than to

_____ under the control of the Holy Spirit.

- Romans 8:1-2 (NKJV) *“The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death.”*

24. In every temptation, God has provided a way of _____. Those who walk in the Spirit will discern it and be delivered.

- 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV) *“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”*

25. Summary: How do we experience victory over _____?

- _____ that you have been crucified with Christ. You NO LONGER HAVE TO OBEY the taskmaster of sin who demands that you live according to your fleshly cravings.
- _____ yourself as dead to the POWER of temptation, but alive to God.
- _____ the members of your body as instruments of righteousness to God.
- _____ in obedience to the Person of the Holy Spirit who lives within you. Look to and depend upon the Holy Spirit for His direction and strength rather than depending upon yourself. Remember: It is not about you trying to live a good life for Christ. It is about Christ living HIS LIFE *through* you!