



KEYS TO
VICTORIOUS LIVING

Part III

Week One, We Examined Psalm 1
“The Blessed Person”

3 Keys To Victorious Living

Separation....

Scripture....

Success....

Last Week, We Discussed....

3 Keys For Victorious Living

Establish A Solid Foundation

- ❖ *Be Careful To Identify Your Weak/Vulnerable Areas {Be Proactive}*
 - ❖ *Be Careful To Walk Upright*
 - ❖ *Be Mindful Of The Counsel You Receive*
 - ❖ *Be Prepared Through Teaching Before Transformation*

Believe That God Honors Faithfulness

- ❖ *Your Practice/Walk Can Cause You To Prosper/Be Blessed*
 - ❖ *He Blesses Through Various Sources*

Don't Allow Prosperity To Create Unhealthy Partnerships

- ❖ *Unhealthy Alliances Bring In Unnecessary Adversaries*
- ❖ *The Holy Spirit Gives Correct Counsel ~ Be Careful Not To Compromise...*
 - ❖ *Be Grateful That The Mercy Of God Is Displayed Despite Bad Decisions*

Introduction

Every **SUCCESSFUL TEAM** goes into the game with **A GAME PLAN...**
Each **GAME PLAN** is designed based on **THE OPPONENT**

Each team has **diagrammed plays and strategies** that are worked out ahead of time for **pre-determined situations**. During the game and at half-time these strategies are worked on and **altered to adjust for the other team's strategies**. Often how well these adjustments are made will determine who is **VICTORIOUS...**
LIKEWISE.....

Once a person accepts Christ as their personal savior, Satan attacks them immediately and aggressively. The attack of Satan has a twofold purpose. The first is to prevent Christians from being **ASSURED** of their salvation. Satan's second goal is to prevent Christians from **GROWING** in their relationship with the Lord.

Both of these attacks can be **OVERCOME**. Whenever a Christian enters a period of adversity, Satan will be right there **to attempt to devastate that believer**. Satan uses many **methods of attack** and normally with **some success**. If you are not on your spiritual toes, you will fall prey to one or more of **his schemes**.

2 Corinthians 2:11

11 lest Satan should **take advantage of us**; for **we are not ignorant of his devices**.

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John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that **IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE**. In the world, **you will have tribulation**, but **BE OF GOOD CHEER**, I have overcome the world.”

James 1:2-4 (NKJV)

2 My brethren, **COUNT IT ALL JOY** when you fall into various trials,
3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

1 Peter 4:12-13 (NKJV)

12 Beloved, **DO NOT THINK IT STRANGE** concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 **BUT REJOICE** to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also **BE GLAD WITH EXCEEDING JOY**.

4 Keys Involved

Identify The Adversary

Understand The Aim of the Adversary

Recognize The Tactics of the Adversary

Utilize the Ammunition Provided For the Adversary

Key #1 ~ Identify The Adversary

Ephesians 6:10-12 (NLT)

10 A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

11 Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. 12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Many people are **LIVING DEFEATED LIVES** because they are **FIGHTING/FOCUSING** on the wrong enemy **COUNTLESS HOURS** and **COSTLY RESOURCES** are thrown at **THE WRONG ENEMY...**

Identifying the **RIGHT ADVERSARY** releases us from **BLAMING OTHERS...**

Biblical Example

Matthew 16:21-23 (NLT)

21 From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day, he would be raised from the dead.

22 **BUT PETER** took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. "Heaven forbid, Lord," he said. "**This will never happen to you!**" 23 Jesus **TURNED TO PETER** and said, "Get away from me, **SATAN!** You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."

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The Adversary Attempts to Hinder Our Prayers

Daniel 10:10-14 (NIV)

10 A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

11 He said, "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you and stand up, for I have now been sent to you." And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling.

12 Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since **THE FIRST DAY** that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, **YOUR WORDS WERE HEARD**, and I have come in response to them.

13 **But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days.** Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me because I was detained there with the king of Persia.

14 **NOW I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come.**"

Key #2 ~ Understand The Aim of the Adversary

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)

*8 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion,
LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO DEVOUR.*

The word “devour” ~ means “to swallow up” or “destroy”

John 10:10-11 (ESV)

*10 The thief comes only to **steal and kill and destroy.***

HIS AIM IS TO...

***Devour** Your Peace ~ **Steal** Your Joy ~ **Kill** Your Dreams ~ **Destroy** Your Hope*

Biblical Example

*Destroyed Job’s Cattle, Oxen, Children, Houses, Servants, and Health...
in an attempt to devour his faith*

1 Timothy 1:18-19 (NLT)

*18 Timothy, my son, here are my instructions for you, based on the prophetic words spoken about you earlier. **May they help you fight well in the Lord’s battles.** 19 **Cling to your faith in Christ,** and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, **THEIR FAITH HAS BEEN SHIPWRECKED....***

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Luke 22:31-32 (NIV)

31 "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked **TO SIFT YOU AS WHEAT.**

32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, **THAT YOUR FAITH MAY NOT FAIL.**

And *when you have turned back*, strengthen your brothers."

The enemy desires to attack and destroy/devour our faith....

*Hebrews 11:6 ~ **WITHOUT FAITH** it is impossible to please God...*

*2 Timothy 4:7 ~ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have **KEPT THE FAITH.***

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Satan Wants To Tempt You

James 1:13-15 (ESV)

13 Let no one say when he is **tempted**, "I am being **tempted** by God," for God cannot be **tempted** with evil, and he himself **tempts** no one. 14 But each person is **tempted** **WHEN HE IS LURED AND ENTICED BY HIS OWN DESIRE**. 15 **Then** **DESIRE WHEN IT HAS CONCEIVED GIVES BIRTH TO SIN**, **and** **SIN WHEN IT IS FULLY GROWN BRINGS FORTH DEATH**.

Psalms 37:4 ~ **Delight yourself in the Lord** and **he will give you** **THE DESIRES** of your heart.

Matthew 26:41 (ESV)

41 Watch and pray that you may not **enter into temptation**.
THE SPIRIT INDEED IS WILLING, BUT THE FLESH IS WEAK."

Key #3 ~ Recognize The Tactics of the Adversary

Matthew 4:1-11 (NASB)

1 Then Jesus was led up *by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*

2 And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.

3 And the *tempter came* and said to Him, "*If You are* the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

4 But He answered and said, "*It is written*, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.' "

5 Then the devil took* Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple,

6 and said* to Him, "*If You are* the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for *it is written*, 'He will command His angels concerning You'; and 'On their hands they will bear You up, So that you will not strike Your foot against a stone .' " 7 Jesus said to him, "*On the other hand, it is written*, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test .' "

8 **Again**, the devil took* Him to a very high mountain and showed* Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; 9 and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! *For it is written*, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only .' "

3 Forms of Temptation

To Meet a Personal Need

To Attract attention by doing the spectacular

To Simply Compromise

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Satan Wants To Deceive You

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 (NLT)

13 These people are false apostles. They are **deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ.**

14 But I am not surprised! **Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.**

15 So it is no wonder that his servants also **disguise themselves as servants of righteousness.**

IN THE END, they will get the punishment their wicked deeds deserve.

The Value Of Inspecting Fruit

For Satan to come among God's people as a roaring lion would be very **unappealing to them**, but when he comes **as an angel of light with pleasant, flattering words and a smile on his face**, then it is very difficult for believers **NOT TO BE DECEIVED.**

When Satan works among God's people, he takes advantage of their natural desires and tendencies and the things that are **APPEALING TO THEM.**

Key #4 ~ Utilize Ammunition Provided For The Adversary

Ephesians 6:11,13-17 (NLT)

- 11 Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against **all strategies** of the devil
- 13 Therefore, put on **every piece of God's armor** so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. **THEN AFTER THE BATTLE**, you will still be standing firm.
- 14 Stand your ground, **putting on the belt of truth** and the **body armor of God's righteousness**.
- 15 **For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News** so that you will be fully prepared.
- 16 In addition to all of these, **hold up the shield of faith** to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.
- 17 Put on **salvation as your helmet**, and take the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God.

The Armor Of God

Belt Of Truth ~ This holds every other piece of armor in place

Breastplate of Righteousness ~ This guards the heart

Feet with Preparation of Gospel ~ Gives stability and better footing to stand

Shield of Faith ~ Protect from the enemy's darts

Helmet of Salvation ~ Protect the mind; where the battle begins

Sword of the Spirit "The Word of God" ~ The weapon God gives to fight with...

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Power of Prayer

Ephesians 6:18

18 Pray in the Spirit *at all times* and *on every occasion*.

STAY ALERT and *BE PERSISTENT* in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

Luke 18:1

1 One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should *ALWAYS PRAY* and never give up.

Luke 5:16

16 But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness *AND PRAY*.

Key #4 ~ Utilize Ammunition Provided For The Adversary

Submit To God

James 4:7-8 (NIV)

7 **SUBMIT YOURSELVES**, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners,
and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

TO SUBMIT means to arrange oneself **UNDER THE COMMAND OF DIVINE VIEWPOINT**
rather than *to live according to one's old way of life, based on a human viewpoint.*
It is a process of surrendering our own will to that of our Father.

Luke 22:41-43

41 And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and **BEGAN TO PRAY**,
42 saying, "*Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me;*
YET NOT MY WILL, BUT YOURS BE DONE."
43 **Now** an angel from heaven appeared to Him, **STRENGTHENING HIM.**

In Conclusion
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- *Deceive You*

Utilize the Ammunition Provided For the Adversary

- *The Whole Armor of God*
 - *Power of Prayer*
 - *Submission to God*

*Celebrate Our 143rd Church Anniversary
Sunday, October 16, 2022*

*Church Family Fellowship/Celebration @ 11 AM
Target All Of Our Members*

Pack The Pew Guest Celebration @ 2 PM

*Guest For Pack The Pew
Dr. Robby Dale Williams
St. Rest Baptist Church, Minden LA*

Celebrate Our 143rd Church Anniversary

Financial Goal

100 Members/Friends/Ministry Partners ~ \$143 Gift

25 Filled Pews {10 seats to pew} ~ \$20 offering gift

Leaders have been selected for each pew...

Intentional In Our Approach

25 people to start this week ~ 21st – 27th

25 Next Week ~ 28th – 4th

25 Next Week ~ 5th – 11th

25 Final Week ~ 12th – 16th

Celebrate Our 143rd Church Anniversary

Exodus 35:4-5 (NLT)

4 Then Moses said to the whole community of Israel, “This is what the Lord has commanded:

5 *Take a sacred offering for the Lord. Let those with GENEROUS HEARTS present the following gifts to the Lord: gold, silver, and bronze...*

Exodus 35:21 (NLT)

21 *All whose hearts were stirred and whose spirits were moved came and brought their sacred offerings to the Lord.*

Exodus 36:6-7 (NLT)

6 So Moses gave the command, and this message was sent throughout the camp: “Men and women, *don’t prepare any more gifts for the sanctuary. WE HAVE ENOUGH!*”

So the people stopped bringing their sacred offerings.

7 *Their contributions were more than enough to complete the whole project.*

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