

The Tale Of Two Kings Part 2

The first step to living a victorious Christian life:

1. Having a right heart.

You can't be successful in living the Christian life without first having a heart that is turned to God, and longs to please Him.

2. A second step to living a victorious Christian life is having a clear sense of right and wrong.

1 Samuel 17:4-7, 26, 45-47

He said to his men, "the LORD forbid that i should do such a thing to my master, the LORD'S anointed, or lift my hand against him; for he is the anointed of the LORD." 7 with these words David rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way. (1 Samuel 24:6-7 NIV)

But David said "don't destroy him! Who can lay a hand on the LORD'S anointed and be guiltless?

11 but the lord forbid that I should lay a hand on the LORD'S anointed. Now get the spear and water jug that are near his head, and let's go." (1 Samuel 26:9,11 NIV)

0 woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. (Isaiah 5:20 NIV)

3. A third step to living the Christian life is knowing the source of our power.

David said to the Philistine, "you come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, 46 this day the LORD will hand you over to me,and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. 47 all those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give all of you into our hands." (1 Samuel 17:45-47 NIV)

I love you, o LORD, my strength. 2 the LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 3 I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies. (Psalm 18:1-3 NIV)

David understood that the issue is not the size of the problem. The issue is the source of our strength.

You can never be successful in your Christian life if you don't clearly understand the source of your power.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8 NIV)

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power. (1 Corinthians 4:20 NIV)

As long as you're depending on your abilities, you will never be successful in being all God wants you to be.

4. The fourth step to living the Christian life is having a spirit of humility.

Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever." 17 Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation.

18 Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said:

"Who am I, O Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?"

(2 Samuel 7:16-18 NIV)

Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. (Proverbs 16:18 NIV)

Pride is the “*kryptonite*” of the Christian life.

The LORD detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: they will not go unpunished.
(Proverbs 16:5 NIV)

5. A fifth step to living the Christian life is a broken and *repentant* heart over sin

Create in me a pure heart, o God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. (Psalm 51:10-17 NIV)

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. 17 the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, o God, you will not despise. (Psalm 51:16-17 NIV)

The elements of a broken and repentant heart:

1. An admission of *sin*—and it’s seriousness
2. A cry for *mercy* and forgiveness
3. A cry for a *pure* heart and a *willing* spirit
4. A broken spirit and a *contrite* heart

- 1 a right heart
- 2 clear sense of right and wrong
- 3 a knowledge of the source of our power
- 4 a spirit of humility
- 5 a broken and repentant heart over sin