

Victory Over Sin

The moment someone puts their faith in Christ, they are immediately thrown into a war and Satan will do all that he can to take someone out. He will try to entangle them in some type of sin so that they will have disconnected fellowship with God. **2 Timothy 2:20-21** says, *“In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.”* If Satan can entangle us in sin then we will not be used for noble purposes like God desires to use us.

God’s word is one thing that helps us in our struggle against sin.

Read **2 Timothy 3:16**. How is God’s word profitable and how can this keep us from sin?

Another important part of defeating sin is accountability and confession.

Now read **James 5:16**. What are the benefits of confessing sin to God and to others?

Read **Proverbs 28:13**. Why is it important that we not conceal our sins from others?

God leaves us some promises in his word about victory over sin and temptation.

1 Corinthians 10:13 *“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape that you may be able to endure it.”*

Proverbs 24:16 *“For the righteous falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in times of calamity.”*

ACTIONS STEPS:

- 1) **The Word:** Begin some sort of reading plan where you are getting in the word on a consistent basis. Also, memorize 1 Corinthians 10:13.
- 2) **Accountability:** Find a more mature believer who will hold you accountable in whatever area of sin you are struggling with. Make a list of questions they can ask you to help keep you accountable. Remember that honesty is the purpose of accountability and holiness will come as a result.
- 3) **Confession:** Make a habit of confessing sin right when it happens. Confess to the Lord and confess to your accountability partner. They will not judge you; they want to see you have victory over this area of sin!
- 4) **Prayer:** Bathe this area of sin in prayer daily. Pray specifically and intentionally. Writing your prayers out can help keep you focused.