

# SOME KEYS TO VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING

- **As Christians we can all live a life of great purpose and meaning, no matter what may be going on in our world**
  
- **The bible makes this very clear:**
  
- **The Apostle Paul wrote,**  
“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,”  
**(Ephesians 3:20)**
  
- **Jesus Himself said,**  
“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. **I have come** that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” **(John 10:10)**
  
- **The word of the Lord came to the Prophet Jeremiah in prison,**  
“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” **(Jeremiah 33:3)**
  
- **Whilst God has much planned for every believer’s life we need to ACTIVELY APPROPRIATE ALL THAT GOD HAS PLANNED FOR OUR LIFE**
  
- **The bible makes it clear that all Christians are in a continual spiritual contest with a very real adversary the Devil who would love to crush our spirits and rob us of fulfilling our God given destiny for life**

➤ **The Apostle Peter wrote,**

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.” **(1 Peter 5:8-9)**

➤ **The Apostle Paul wrote,**

“Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.” **(2 Timothy 3:12)**

➤ **Jesus Himself said,**

“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.” **(John 15:18-19)**

➤ **In many ways the Christian walk is like rowing upstream against the tide of the world that would try and pull us away from fulfilling God’s wonderful plan and purpose for our life**

SO TODAY I WANT TO SHARE SEVEN KEYS THAT WILL HELP YOU TO LIVE A VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIFE THAT IS FULL OF PURPOSE AND MEANING AND THAT WILL HELP YOU TO REMAIN STRONG DURING THE TRIALS AND DISAPPOINTMENTS OF LIFE

# 1) WE MUST REFUSE TO LIVE WITH REGRETS

➤ **We cannot live with regrets**

➤ **We must let go of our past failures and disappointments if we are to FULLY embrace the future that God has planned for our life**

➤ **Continually dwelling on our past failures will only cause us to live discouraged and defeated lives**

➤ **The Apostle Paul wrote,**

“Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; **but one thing I do**, *forgetting* those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”  
**(Philippians 3:12-14)**

➤ **In the book of Isaiah we read,**

“Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” **(Isaiah 43:18-19)**

➤ **IF WE FULLY ENTRUST OUR FUTURE TO THE LORD WE WILL ALWAYS SEE THE ABILITY OF GOD TO BRING RESTORATION TO OUR LIVES**

➤ **King David wrote,**

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, And **forget not all His benefits**; Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, **who redeems your life from destruction**, Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” (**Psalm 103:2-5**)

➤ **WE MUST SIMPLY REFUSE TO DWELL ON OUR PAST FAILURES, WRONG CHOICES AND DISAPPOINTMENTS IN LIFE – GOD HAS A GREAT FUTURE FOR OUR LIFE**

**2)The importance of fellowshiping with other GENUINE believers on a regular basis**

- Now more than ever before this is absolutely crucial as we see the Day of the Lord approaching and the increase in lawlessness in our world
- We were not made to do life alone.
- We were made to walk with God **who is able to help and empower us** to live a life full of meaning and purpose
- But the bible makes it clear that we also need to be connected with other believers to live a fulfilled and victorious life

- Being connected to other believers **gives us accountability** and a support network to help us to be all that God has planned for our life
- Fellowshiping with other believers helps us to remain strong in our faith and to develop healthy friendships in life which is also a great part of enjoying the life and life more abundantly that Jesus spoke of
- **Jesus Himself spent much time fellowshiping with His disciples as well as often withdrawing to pray to His Father in heaven**
- **In the book of Hebrews we read,**

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”  
**(Hebrews 10:23-25)**
- **In the book of Proverbs we read,**

“Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.” **(Proverbs 11:14)**
- **Fellowshipping with other mature believers gives us also the opportunity to receive godly counsel when we need to make major decisions in life**
- **Having fellowship with other genuine believers on a regular basis is a great key to leading an overcoming and victorious Christian life**

### 3) Doing everything as to the Lord

- This is a great key to maintaining a right attitude in life
- People will not always appreciate what we do for them
- If we *continually live to seek man's approval* we will often be disappointed in life and our life can become like a roller coaster ride – full of ups and down
- We need to learn to continually seek God's approval rather than man's approval
- God always appreciates all that we do for Him
- God honours those who serve Him. Jesus Himself said, “If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honour.” (John 12:26)
- **So in life we need to learn to always do all things as to the Lord. To live to firstly please God as we love and do things for others**
- When we look at the life of the Apostle Paul, we see that he did much for many people but was not fully appreciated at times.

- The Apostle Paul himself wrote when sharing about his love for the church in Corinth,  
“And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved.”  
**(2 Corinthians 12:15)**
  
- At the end of his life after ministering to and encouraging many people, the Apostle Paul lay lonely in a prison, having been abandoned by many. The Apostle Paul wrote,  
“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. Be diligent to come to me quickly; for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica – Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me...” **(2 Timothy 4:7-11)** “Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.” **(2 Timothy 4:14)**
  
- **THE APOSTLE PAUL KNEW THAT PEOPLE WOULD NOT ALWAYS APPRECIATE WHAT HE DID FOR THEM. THIS IS WHY HE WROTE**  
“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.” **(Colossians 3:23-24)**

## **4) KNOWING and following the will of God for our lives**

➤ **We were made for a God given purpose and destiny which begins to unfold when we come to Christ**

➤ **The Apostle Paul wrote,**

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” **(Ephesians 2:10)**

➤ **Knowing and following the will of God for our life helps us to:**

- I. Live a life of great purpose and meaning (John 10:10)**
- II. To experience God’s continual blessing and favour upon our life and what we do (Isaiah 1:19)**
- III. To see doors open that no man can close (Revelation 3:7-8)**
- IV. To see our life bearing much eternal fruit (John 15:16), and**
- V. Helps us to lead many others to Christ and to encourage other Christians to become all that God has planned for their life. (We all need each other in the Body of Christ)**



➤ **Knowing and following the will of God for our life, helps us to use our time wisely and to make right choices in life and to *enjoy ongoing peace and joy in our hearts* even during our trials in life**

➤ **The Apostle Paul wrote,**

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” **(Ephesians 5:15-17)**

➤ **We are most anointed and most fulfilled in life when we flow in God’s will and plan for our life - When we flow in God’s gifts and calling for our life**

**Jesus Himself said,**

“My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.” **(John 4:34)**

➤ **As we continually pursue God’s will and plan for our life we can have the confidence and assurance that all that we have need of in life shall be added to us.**

**Jesus Himself said,**

“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ Or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” **(Matthew 6:31-33)**

## 5) Always living our lives out of the eyes of FAITH

- **Nothing is impossible with God.**
- **The angel Gabriel said to Mary the mother of Jesus, “For with God nothing will be impossible.” (Luke 1:37)**
- **The bible is full of promises for all believers which we can build our life on.**
- **The Apostle Paul wrote,**  
“For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.” (2 Corinthians 1:20)
- **Jesus Himself talked about the power of prayer to change our circumstances (Just one of many promises in the bible). Jesus said,**  
“Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.”  
“Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.” (Mark 11:22-24)
- **The Apostle John also shared about the power of prayer that is in line with God’s will for our life**
- **The Apostle John wrote,**  
“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. (1 John 5:14-15)

➤ **The Apostle Paul went through many challenges in life, but he always believed and trusted in God's ability to deliver him from all trials in life**

➤ **The Apostle Paul wrote,**

“For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that **we should not trust in ourselves but in God** who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us.”  
(2 Corinthians 1:8-10)

➤ **Continually living our life out of the eyes of faith enables us to live an overcoming and victorious life, irrespective of the temporary trials and circumstances that we may experience in life**

➤ **WE MUST SIMPLY BE COMMITTED TO JUST DOING WHAT JESUS TELLS US TO DO IN LIFE**

➤ **It is then that we begin to consistently see the miracles in our life.**

➤ **In the book of Hebrew we read,**

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

➤ **In the gospel of Luke we see one such miracle when the Apostle Peter was prepared to do what Jesus told him to do despite being tired after a night of fishing**

“So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets.

Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon’s and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.”

And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!” For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid, from now on you will catch men.”

So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.” **(Luke 5:1-11)**

➤ **As we move out in faith we will always see God moving on our behalf**

➤ **In the book of Proverbs we read,**

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.” **(Proverbs 3:5-6)**

➤ **We have one life here on earth to make a difference for eternity, to store up treasures in Heaven**

➤ **God has so many people that He wants to reach with the gospel message.**

➤ **As we step out by faith to follow God’s blueprint for our life He will never let us down. In the book of Hebrews we read,**

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” **(Hebrews 11:1)**

➤ **LIVING OUR LIFE OUT OF THE EYES OF FAITH IS A GREAT KEY TO EMBRACING THE FULLNESS OF WHAT GOD HAS PLANNED FOR OUR LIFE**

## **6) Being continually filled with the right Spirit - The Holy Spirit**

➤ **It is the Holy Spirit Who empowers us to do all that God has planned for our life**

➤ **Jesus Himself depended on the Holy Spirit to empower Him for His ministry here on earth. In the book of Acts we read,**

“how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.” **(Acts 10:38)**

➤ **As we give out to others we need to be continually filled afresh ourselves with the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul wrote,**

“And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,” **(Ephesians 5:18)**

“that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height - to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” **(Ephesians 3:17-19)**

➤ **The disciples were wonderfully filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost**

- **However after the healing of the lame man at the gate of the temple called Beautiful, (Acts 3:1-9) persecution arose against the disciples and they were threatened not to speak nor teach in the name of Jesus. (Acts 4:17-21)**
  
- **We all at times will be persecuted and rejected for our faith**
  
- **So the disciples gathered together again and prayed for boldness to preach the Word of God. As they did they were AGAIN FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.**
  
- **We see this in chapter four of the book of Acts.**

“Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ‘by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the Name of Your Holy Servant Jesus.” (Acts 4:29-30)

“And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.” (Acts 4:31)
  
- **Praying in the Spirit on a regular basis is a great key to being continually built up in our faith and to living a victorious and overcoming life. In the book of Jude we read, “But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.” (Jude 20 and 21) AND**

## **7) Continually making our love for the Lord our greatest priority in life - In His presence is fullness of joy**

- **Our relationship with the Lord is the most important thing in life. Everything in our life flows out of our intimacy with the Lord – Joy, Peace, Purpose, Guidance, A great love for others and growth in Christlike character**
  
- **Spending quality time with the Lord is a great key to maintaining our peace and joy in the midst of our everyday challenges and complexities of life**
  
- **In the gospel of Luke we read,**  
“Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary who also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.” And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and *Mary has chosen that good part,* which will not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:38-42)
  
- **Spending time with the Lord helps to give us a right perspective in life and a greater sensitivity to what really matters in life – Having good relationships (Both with God and with other people)**



- **Jesus Himself emphasised the importance of making our love for the LORD our highest priority in life when He shared about the two great commandments. Jesus said,**

“‘And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment.” **(Mark 12:30)**
- **Our love for the LORD helps us to fulfil the second of these two commandments, to love others. Jesus said,**

“And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” **(Mark 12:31)**
- **Like King David, who the bible refers to as being a man after God’s own heart, we need to make time to spend with the Lord. As we do we will maintain our first love for Jesus which is our greatest blessing in life**
- **King David wrote,**

“O GOD, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for you; My flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory. Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You.” **(Psalm 63:1-3)**

“Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips. When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches. Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.” **(Psalm 63:4-7)**