

THE LACK OF VICTORY



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One of the great tragedies of this generation—and one of God's greatest griefs—is that so many Christians are not truly happy! The lack of victory in Christ is appalling! So many are hot, then suddenly cold. One week they are high, the next week low. 'They can't cope with fear. Depression runs over them like a steamroller.

Some marriages run hot and cold. One day all is well with husband and wife and then the next day they are miserable. Some days they can't even talk to one another. They think, "Well, that's the way marriage is supposed to be. You can't expect to be happy and loving all the time!"

Paul warns of Christians who need to "recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will" (2 Timothy 2:26). This describes many Christians perfectly. Satan moves in and out of their lives at his own will! They have no power or authority to stop him at their heart's door.

Some of you reading this may be caught in a devilish snare. Paul said it is because you are opposing yourself (see 2 Timothy 2:25). To "oppose yourself" means that you have set yourself up to be trapped. You refuse God's way of deliverance and victory. You have opposed His way—and set up your own way. That's why you're ensnared!

So many have not known victory in Christ. Yet is this what Christ died for? To raise up children who are under the power of the devil's will? "Give your heart to Jesus, but your will to the devil." Is this the Christian testimony to the world? Never!

You can blame your unhappiness on poor health, being misunderstood, or having an uncaring mate, boss or friend. In fact, you can blame it on anything you choose. But the truth is that there is no excuse for a Christian to live as a slave to the devil. If the devil plays on your emotions and you are getting worse, not better; if your problems are getting bigger; if fear is rising and joy is dissipating; sadness is setting in—it means you are a captive to the enemy of your soul and are being manipulated by him!

You must recognize the trap you're in and seek to be released. If you have been serving the Lord for more than a few months, you should be growing daily in the grace and knowledge of Jesus. Your spiritual victories should be sweet. You should be assured of His constant presence.

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