

TO BE AN OVERCOMER

2Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;)

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

1. After we receive the Holy Ghost we are sometimes not aware that before we came to God we only had one nature that could only produce the works of the Flesh. But now we have two natures fighting over the possession of the same body.
2. A nature that is after the flesh and a new nature that is after the spirit. The one that wins is the one that I am feeding

Gal 5:16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Gal 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

3. **As a young person you must learn to walk in the Spirit:** There are things that are pulling at you everyday. You must learn to use the weapons that work: Prayer, fasting, the Word, Memorize the Word, be a worshiper.

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Pro 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

Pro 4:24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

Pro 4:25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

Pro 4:26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

Pro 4:27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

4. **You must feed the spiritual man inside of you if you expect to be an overcomer.**

Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

5. **Saturate you heart and mind with the Word of God.** To get rid of a bad thought is to replace it with a good thought.

Psa 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Psa 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psa 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

6. **Learn to Resist the Flesh, the World and the Devil:** (3 Hounds of Hell)

1Jn 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1Jn 2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1Jn 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Jas 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

1Pe 2:10 Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

1Pe 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

2Ti 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

WE ARE IN A WARFARE

1Jn 2:13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.

You have triumphed over the passions which prevail in early life; you have combated the allurements of vice, ambition, covetousness, and sensuality; and you have shown that there is a strength of character and of piety on which reliance can be placed in promoting religion.

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

1. The Word Finally: May be rendered “From now on” or from “Henceforth.” The spiritual battle Christians are engaged in exists “from

now on” until the Lord’s return: There is no ceasefire, no temporary truce, no stopping of attacks against us. “From now on” till the end there is all-out war.

2. **Be Strong**: “Let yourselves constantly be strengthened by the Lord, more precisely, by His power.
3. **Put On**: Denotes a sense of urgency, demanding immediate action.
4. **To Stand**: Has Military overtones. This verb used in Classical Greek meanings to resist, the enemy and hold a critical position in battle
5. **The Wiles of the Devil**: (or, “the Devils Strategy”) Satan carefully devises schemes and tactics against believers.

ANOINTING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN SOME POSITION IN THE CHURCH

KNOW YOUR ENEMY

1. **What are the enemies that will try to overcome me and how can I identify them?**

Gal 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

2. **The Works of the Flesh Explained:**

Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Gal 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Gal 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Gal 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Gal 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.