

## **Spiritual Victory - Part 2**

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### I. Bearing Fruit

- A. People want to bear fruit for Jesus and go out to share and bring in a harvest.
  - 1. When nothing happens they get discouraged.
  - 2. They ask “What’s wrong?”
- B. They forget that bearing fruit for Jesus is contingent on receiving the blessing of Jesus.
  - 1. Blessing enables us.
  - 2. Blessing empowers us.

### II. Spiritual Victory: Faith.

- A. Israel needed faith when they faced Pharaoh.
  - 1. God knows what He is going to do.
  - 2. He just does not inform us ahead of time.
  - 3. Walking by sight is unreliable.
  - 4. The word of God is more sure than sight.

### III. Spiritual Victory: Duty.

- A. God taught Moses about the duty of leadership. (Exodus 18:13)
  - 1. Moses was involved in the daily affairs of his people though they nearly stoned him. (Exodus 17:4)
  - 2. Though others fail us we must not fail them.
  - 3. Jethro questioned Moses’ tactic of judging the people.
  - 4. Moses could have distained Jethro’s advice because of his recent victory, but he humbled himself.
  - 5. A wise man will increase in learning and Jethro taught him to delegate.
    - a. Moses was to pray for the people.
    - b. Moses was to teach the people.

- c. Moses was to show the people how to walk before God.
  - 1) If you have responsibilities in church pray for your people.
  - 2) If you have responsibilities in church teach the people.
  - 3) If you have responsibilities in church show them how to walk.
- d. Moses was to pick able men to judge lesser cases.

B. God taught Moses about duty in leadership because He is the one who graciously and mercifully delivered Israel out of Egypt, giving him authority over Israel.

1. God forbids idolatry.
  - a. There are no other Gods.
  - b. Idolatry is loving things more than we love God.
  - c. God does not want first place in our lives; He wants all of our lives.
2. God forbids serving images.
  - a. Walking in victory means doing what's right out of love and not duty.
  - b. Dennis the Menace makes a mess in order to make a valentine card for his mother, but he does it because he loves her.
  - c. We desire to serve God and what we do out of love and appreciation is accepted by God.
3. God forbids taking his name in vain.
  - a. God shines in our hearts to give light and glory of knowledge of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)
  - b. Out of gratitude we should honor the name of God.
4. God commands Israel to keep holy the Sabbath day.
  - a. If we set a side time for God we will be more productive than otherwise.
  - b. If Israel would turn from dishonoring the Sabbath but keep it according to God's will then Israel would prosper. (Isaiah 58:13-14)
5. God commands honoring fathers and mothers.
  - a. The key is to take parents into our lives by sharing the little things.
  - b. People enjoy getting into our lives. (1 Peter 3:7)
  - c. What wives wish husbands were doing includes helping them by opening doors, remembering birthdays, etc. (Ephesians 5:33)

6. God forbids murder.

- a. Life is sacred.
- b. There are other ways to destroy a life than physical killing.

7. God forbids adultery.

- a. Purity of life is crucial. (Galatians 5:16)
- b. Planes fly because of upward wind lift, and if we move in the Spirit there will be enough lift to keep us from sin.
  - 1) When was the last time you were bothered by lust while praying with someone to receive Christ?
  - 2) God says move in the Spirit and we will not be led by the flesh.

8. God forbids stealing.

- a. Be careful in doing taxes.
- b. During a conference I bought a soda in a machine that returned my nickel and the Spirit convicted me it was not my money.
- c. I returned the nickel to the storeowner and he marveled that I was honest.
- d. The truth is I wanted that nickel.

9. God forbids bearing false witness against neighbors.

- a. Saying something to belittle others is not good.
- b. Watch what you say about people.

10. God forbids covetousness.

- b. Covetousness is accusing God of mismanagement, believing we deserve more than we have.
- b. Men of truth hate covetousness.
  - 1) A survey was taken asking, "Do you think you are generous?"
  - 2) Most people said they are not generous. (Proverbs 3:27)
  - 3) Covetousness, extravagance and ignorance are enemies of generosity. (Luke 6:38)
  - 4) Material things corrupt so God limits how much he can trust us with.
  - 5) If we become generous God will increase the flow of material things through us.