

VICTORY OR DEFEAT

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INTRODUCTION:

It's up to you.

I. Choose whom you are going to serve.

A. **Joshua 24:14-15**--Now therefore fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and truth and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the river and in Egypt and serve the Lord. And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve. Whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the river or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

B. You can't keep having one foot in the world and one foot in God's Kingdom and be victorious.

C. To live a victorious life we must do what the Bible says and come out from among them and be ye separate.

D. **2 Corinthians 6:14-18**--Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God. Just as God said, 'I will dwell in them and walk among them. And I will be their God and they shall be my people.'

II. We are to submit to God and resist the devil.

A. **1 Peter 5:8 & 9**--Be of sober spirit, be on the alert, your adversary, the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. But resist him firm in your faith...

B. How do we resist the devil? Just like Jesus did and He did it 3 times to confirm it. He said to the devil, 'It is written'.

C. **Matthew 4:4;7;10**--Jesus answered, 'It is written, man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Verse 7 Jesus answered him, 'It is also written, Do not put the Lord your God to the test.

Verse 10 Jesus said to him, 'Away from me satan, for it is written, worship the Lord your God and Him only.

III. You can't be submitting to the things of the world Monday through Saturday then on Sunday morning for 1 ½ hours submit to God and think you are going to be victorious.

A. For our military to be as victorious as they are, they have to be doing drills day in and day out.

1. You must be drilling the Word in every day; 7 days a week.

B. You are going to have to get out of the TV.

1. Get out of the radio.

2. Get out of the face book.

3. Get into the book of Life. It is spelled--BIBLE. God's holy Word.

C. **2 Timothy 2:15 & 16**--Study to show yourself approved unto God; a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth. Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.

CONCLUSION:

If you say, 'I want to be victorious'; then you must do what **Joshua 24:15** says:

- * I am going to serve God.
- * I am going to do what it takes to come out from among them.
- * I am going to put down the things of the world.
- * I am going to put on the amour of God.
- * I am going to study the Word so I can recognize the enemy.
- * I am a soldier in the army of God and as 2 Timothy says, I am not going to get involved in the things of this world.