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## **Living Like The World**

### **We've Been Given The Ability To Experience Daily Victories**

**Romans 6:14** - *Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.*

**Romans 7:24-25** - *Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? <sup>25</sup> Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord...*

**Romans 8:2** - *And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.*

**1 Corinthians 15:57** - *But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

### **To Be A Defeated Christian Is A Contradiction**

#### **No Thing Is Too Powerful For Christ**

#### **Christ Is Being Denied His Rightful Position Of Lordship In Their Heart**

##### **1. The World.**

#### **Our Gifts Or Affections Out Of Balance Can Become Our Weakness**

**Mark 4:18-19** - *The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, <sup>19</sup> but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced.*

##### **2. The Flesh.**

**Romans 7:18** - *And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't.*

### 3. The Devil.

**Ephesians 2:2** - *You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.*

**John 16:33** - *I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.*

#### **Our Approach As Believers Should Always Be To Renounce**

**1 Corinthians 3:1-3** - *Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, <sup>3</sup> for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren't you living like people of the world? <sup>4</sup> When one of you says, "I am a follower of Paul," and another says, "I follow Apollos," aren't you acting just like people of the world?*

#### **While We Sometimes Act Carnal, We Don't Want To Remain Carnal**

**2 Corinthians 7:10** - *For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.*

**1 Corinthians 1:2** - *I am writing to God's church in Corinth, to you who have been called by God to be his own holy people. He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.*

**1 John 3:6** - *Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who he is.*

#### **The Way To Grow Out Of Carnal Living Is Holistic Discipleship**

**1 Corinthians 13:11** - *When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things.*