BEING A VICTOR IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE. Sunday, November 19th, 2023 Audie Clairmont

2Timothy 4:7-8-AMP

- 7 I have fought the good (worthy, honorable, and noble) fight, I have finished the race, I have kept (firmly held) the faith.
- **8** [As to what remains] henceforth there is laid up for me the [victor's] crown of righteousness [for being right with God and doing right], which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me *and* recompense me on that [great] day--and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved *and* yearned for *and* welcomed His appearing (His return).

Hebrews10:32-Passion

Don't you remember those days right after the Light shined in your hearts? <u>You endured</u> a great marathon season of suffering hardships, <u>yet you stood your ground.</u>

1 John 3:8

The reason the Son of God was revealed was <u>to undo and destroy the works of the devil.</u>

1. A VICTOR IN CHRIST <u>DEVELOPS</u> CHRIST LIKE <u>CHARACTERISTICS</u>.

James 3:2-Passion

We all fail in many areas, but especially with our words. Yet *if we're able to bridle the words we say we are powerful enough to control ourselves in every way, and that means <u>our character is mature and fully developed.</u>*

Psalm 119:125-AMP

I am Your servant; give me understanding (discernment and comprehension), **that I** may know (discern and be familiar with the <u>character of</u>) Your testimonies.

1Timothy 2:4-AMP

...Who wishes all men to be saved and [increasingly] to perceive and recognize and discern and know precisely and <u>correctly the [divine] Truth.</u>

John 8:32-AMP

"You will know the truth [regarding salvation], and the truth will set you free [from the penalty of sin]."

Passion – 32 For if you embrace the truth, it will release true freedom into your lives."

Ephesians 4:27-AMP

<u>Leave no [such] room or foothold</u> for the devil <u>[aive no opportunity to him].</u>

Passion - Don't give the slanderous accuser, the Devil, <u>an opportunity to manipulate you!</u>

2. A VICTOR IN CHRIST STAYS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Ephesians 5:18-AMP

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; **but ever <u>be filled and stimulated</u>** with the [Holy] Spirit.

Jude 1:20-Passion

But you, my delightfully loved friends, <u>constantly and progressively build yourselves up</u> on the foundation of your most holy faith by praying every moment in the Spirit.

Acts 4:13-NKJV

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. <u>And they realized that they had been with Jesus.</u>

Passion - Then they began to understand the effect Jesus had on them simply by spending time with him.

Galatians 6:17-AMP

...for I bear on my body the [brand] marks of the Lord Jesus [the wounds, scars, and other outward evidence of persecutions--these testify to His ownership of me]!

3. A VICTOR IN CHRIST PERSEVERES.

2Timothy 2:10 -AMP

Therefore <code>I [am ready to]</code> persevere and stand my ground with patience and endure <code>everything for the sake of the elect [God's chosen]</code>, so that they too may obtain [the] salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with [the reward of] eternal glory.

Ephesians 6:11-AMP

<u>Put on God's whole armor</u> [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil.

Luke18:1-8-AMP

"In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and had no respect for man. There was a [desperate] widow in that city and she kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice and legal protection from my adversary.' For a time he would not; but later he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow continues to bother me, I will give her justice and legal protection; otherwise by continually coming she [will be an intolerable annoyance and she] will wear me out." Then the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says! And will not [our just] God defend and avenge His elect [His chosen ones] who cry out to Him day and night? Will He delay [in providing justice] on their behalf? I tell you that He will defend and avenge them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find [this kind of persistent] faith on the earth?"