Steps to a Life of Victory

James 4:6—*But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.* 7*—Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.* 8*—Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.* 9*—Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.* 10*—Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.*

INTRODUCTION

We should humble our self, Judge things properly and not judging God’s report card. Don’t Judge the scripture let the scripture Judge you, - submit to God’s tests

1Chron. 22:19—Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

2Chron. 20:3—And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

If you are going to live the victorious life, you must take the necessary steps by way of the cross.

There must be an affliction. NOT in the sense of sickness, disease or the results of sin, but affliction that brings a purified heart and corrected flaws in our character.

The best of us will try and fall, unless we rely on the grace of God. God will do for us what we cannot do for our self, but we must do that which he leaves off for us to do. We need the grace of God in every step, in order to live the victorious life.

John the Baptist, John the Beloved, James—We often taken men for granted and fail to learn lessons from them in our effort to build our own experience. But God has designed his church to function as a body with every joint supplying and each one helped by the experience of others. Many today forget the steps and keys to victory that worked for John the Baptist, John the Beloved, James, etc.

**I. Resist the Devil**

There is an adversary to our victory, we must resist him.

**II. Draw Nigh to God**

### Accept the Gospel

God’s grace will help any and all. WE may not have slaughter and threatening to face, but we may have a complaint. A heart murmur that had gone unnoticed. Many can live many years, not knowing they have a physical heart murmur and many more a spiritual heat murmur. God’s grace is sufficient for us.

IF we pray, God will stir something in our spirit to draw closer to our spirit.

Any spot or wrinkly will keep us from what God has for us. (Micah 5; Rev. 3) The message stays the same and did not fluctuate. What we think about God and his eternal purpose and His Word, should not change.

If we are content to be a 30-fold Christian when God has taught us the truth of producing a 100-fold, there is doubt cast on our experience with God.

There is going to be resistance from our flesh, when we choose to obey God and submit to Him and draw night to Him. Draw nigh to God.

There is power it the Word of God. Everyone that hears the Word of God is bound in broken chains. We cannot free ourselves, but we can draw nigh to God. The grace of God can break the bondages of sin. Peter found himself bound in broken chains. When he stood up the chains fell off. He stayed there in his bondage, he would have died.

### Walk in the Light of the Gospel

The Grace of God Frees Us and Teaches us there is a light to walk in to keep us from those chains.

### Retain and hold to the Truth

The step of faith is taken with the Grace of God in heart. It will take all the Grace of God to get you through.

### There is our responsibility to submit

James 4:6— *…he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.*

Is the grace of God working? Is there pride hindering? We must resist pride and all that is contrary to God’s will. IN the time we humble our self, we give us more grace.

We must take the necessary steps and with that God will give u more Grace and there will be a lifting.

* + - 1. Submission
      2. Surrender your life
      3. Yield your will
      4. Implicit obedience
         1. We are in subjection to His authority.
         2. We are to be in subjection to others.

We are under authority

Delegated authority

God given authority

* + - * 1. We must yield our will and obey the Lord
        2. We must yield our affections to Him leaving nothing for the world.

Col. 3:2*—Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

1John 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.*

* + - 1. *Submit your time to the Lord*
      2. *Submit your plans to the Lord*
         1. *It is not our plan but His and He tests to show to us what we are really like inside.*
    1. Resist the Devil
       1. Resist don’t reason
          1. No dialogue,

Speak only the truth in love, speak the Word

To love is to tell the truth

* + - * 1. No compromise
      1. Resist unceasingly

Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 2Sa 22:38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them. Es 8:11 Wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to **stand for their life**, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey, Re 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

* + 1. Draw nigh to God
       1. By way of the cross
          1. Confess your sins-(plead guilty)

Repentance

Sorrow, (part of drawing nigh to God)

* + - * 1. Profess Him as Lord and Saviour, (not double minded)
      1. By way of the truth
         1. Must believe
    1. Humble yourself

2Sa 22:37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip. Ps 18:36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.

Ps 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. 31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

44:18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way;

73:2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

85:13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps. 119:133 ¶ Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Pr 16:9 ¶ A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

Jer 10:23 O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

Ro 4:12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

2Co 12:18 I desired Titus, and with him I sent a brother. Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? walked we not in the same steps?

1Pe 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: