THE VICTORIOUS LIFE

Note: Many say that perfection is too high a standard to reach, that it is impossible to attain. There are, however, many examples in the Bible of people who lived according to the will of God. In Christ Jesus all is possible. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," was the testimony of one who walked with God. Philippians 4:13. The victorious life comes as a result of constant resistance to the temptations of the devil. Christ met every temptation with a Scriptural answer in His resistance to Satan in the wilderness. Following His example we should be guided by Biblical standards in our wresting against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:1-20. Memory Verses: Romans 6:1-4.

- 1. What is expected of us in this wicked world? Titus 2:11.12
- 2. How is this possible? 1 John 5:5-7.
- 3. What men stand out as great examples of the victorious life? Hebrews 11:5; Luke 1:5,6.
- 4. What step is necessary in our hearts? 1 Peter 3:15
- 5. When we resist the devil, of what are we assured? James 4:7,8.

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"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." Psalms 122:6

TEACHING THE CHILDREN

Scripture reading: Ephesians 6:1-10. Memory verse: Proverbs 22:6.

1. In what manner are children to be taught? Eph. 6:4; Prov. 22:6.

Note. — One large church organization has made the statement that if they can have a child until he reaches the age of seven, they will have him for the rest of his life.

- 2. What will be the results if a child's development is left to himself? Proverbs 22:15, first part.
- 3. Should a child be taught to live a covetous, selfish life or to store treasures in heaven, by giving work to the gospel? Ecc. 12:1; Matthew 6:19-21.
- 4. Should a parent use precaution in the manner in which he punishes his child? Col. 3:21; Eph. 6:4, First part.
- 5. But should he neglect punishment when needed? Prov. 13:24, 23:13,
- 6. What is especially important; to one's children? Deut. 4:9, 11:13, 19,
- 7. Are conditions such now, as to necessitate even more diligence? 2 Tim. 3:1-3; 1 Peter 5:8.

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- 8. May others assist the younger women in teaching their children? Titus 2:3, 4.
- 9. What other duty of parents toward children is very needful? 1 Tim 5:8.
- 10. What encouraging condition can we look for through the working of the Holy Spirit? Mal. 4:4, 5, 6.

Lesson for August 3, 2019.

PROMISES FOR OBEDIENT CHILDREN

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:1-18. Memory Verse: Exodus 20:12.

- 1. What is the first commandment with promise? Ephesians 6:2.
- 2. What promise is connected with this commandment? Exodus 20:12.
- 3. Is the Lord pleased with children who obey their parents? Colossians 3:20.
- 4. How long are children bound by the commandment to honor their parents? Proverbs 23:22.
- 5. What did the Apostle Paul say would be one of the prominent sins of the last days? 2 Timothy 3:1, 2.

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Lesson for July 6, 2019.

A SACRED ORDINANCE

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:18-25. Memory Verse: Matthew 19:5.

1. After the good Lord had created man and provided him with perfect surroundings, what did He feel was needed to complete his happiness? Genesis 2:18, and Verses 21-23.

Note: God instituted the first marriage, Thus the institution has for its originator the Creator of the universe. It was one of the first gifts of God to man, and it is one of the two institutions that after the fall, Adam brought with him beyond the gate of Paradise. When the Divine Principles are recognized and obeyed in this relationship, marriage is a blessing; it guards the purity and the happiness of the human race; provides for mans social needs; and elevates the physical, the intellectual, and the moral nature.

- 2. For what purpose besides companionship was the first union ordained? Genesis 1:28.
- 3. Was the ordinance of marriage carried into the New Testament era? Matthew 19:4,5; Ephesians 5:31.

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because of his parents love and extra kindness, and also because God favored him and gave him dreams about things would soon come to pass; therefore they mistreated him and sold unto strangers for a slave.

- 6. How did Joseph the man of God forgive his brethren? Gen. 45:15.
- 7. In dealing with the erring, what feelings should actuate us? Matt. 18:33.
- 8. What may those expect who fail to show mercy to others? James 2:13.
- 9. In the parable of Matthew 18, what happened to the servant who owed a large sum? Matt. 18:23-27.
- 10. Later when someone came who owed this same man a mere trifle, what mercy did he receive? Matt. 18:28-30.
- 11. What treatment did the unmerciful servant receive from his Master? Matt. 18:32-35.
- 12. For whom has all of this been recorded? 1 Cor. 10:11; Rom. 15:4; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17.

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FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER

Scripture Reading: Matt. 18th Chapter. Memory Verse: Matt. 6:15.

- 1. What is necessary for us to do in order to receive forgiveness of our sins? Mark 11:25.
- 2. Will God pardon those who do not forgive their fellow men? Matt. 6:15; Mark 11:26, Matt. 18:21-22.

Note. God is not satisfied with lip service or mere formality. We must forgive from the heart, and when we do then will also forget, and we will cease to dwell upon the sins which have been forgiven. Some when pretending to forgive say: "I can forgive but I cannot forget them". They hold a grudge.

- 3. In what condition must our heart be in order that we might receive forgiveness? Matt. 6:12.
- 4. Did God forbid grudging? Lev. 19:18.
- 5. What does the New Testament say about grudging? James 5:9; Matt. 6:12-24.

Note. — Jealousy is a predominant sin of the age, now even as it was in the time when Joseph's brethren became jealous of him

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- When Russia and her satellites come against Jerusalem, will it be the people of Israel (the Jews) who will be dwelling in the land or another race? Eze. 38:14.
- 9. When does this war take place, and against whom is it waged? Verse 16.
- 10. When the Lord God gathers the nations to judgment before Jerusalem, which tribe of Israel is especially mentioned as being gathered to Jerusalem? Joel 3:1, 2; 9-16.
- 11. Which tribe also does Zechariah associate with Jerusalem when the Lord fights for Israel? Zech. 12:2, 3.

- 6. What promise is made to children who hearken to the Lord? Psalms 34:11.
- 7. What is the fear of the Lord? Psalms 111:10.
- 8. How is a wise child, though poor, regarded by the Lord? Ecclesiastes 4:13.
- 9. What tender words did Jesus speak in behalf of children? Matthew 19:14.
- 10. What did He do to the children to show that He loved them? Mark 10:16.
- 11. How may all receive the Lord's blessings today? Matthew 21:22.
- 12. What command is given to those who are young? 1Timothy 4:12.
- 13. What wonderful promises has God given to all who will serve Him? Revelation 21:4 & 22:3-7.

Lesson for August 10, 2019.

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

Scripture reading: Ephesians 6:1-24. Memory verse: Exodus 20:12.

- 1. Must children be obedient in order to be pleasing to the Lord? Colossians 3:20; 1 Timothy 5:4.
- 2. Are children to continue to hearken to their parents even when they are well up in years? Proverbs 23:22.

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Note: The family tie is the closest, most sacred, and the most tender tie on earth. It was designed to be a blessing to mankind. It is a blessing indeed wherever the marriage covenant is entered into intelligently, in the fear of God, and with due consideration for its responsibilities.

- 4. What wedding did Jesus grace with His presence? John 2:1,2.
- 5. In what honor, therefore, should the marriage estate be held? Hebrews 13:4.
- 6. Why are many marriages unhappy? 2 Corinthians 6:14,15.
- 7. What marriages did God prohibit among the Israelites? Deuteronomy 7:3,4.
- 8. What proper care did Abraham show in seeking a wife for his son? Genesis 24:2-4.
- 9. What high standard does the Scripture set for the relationship between husband and wife? Ephesians 5:25: Titus 2:4.
- 10. How exclusively devoted should a husband and wife be to each other? Proverbs 5:15-18.
- 11. What commandments were designed particularly to safeguard family life? Exodus 20:14,17.
- 12. By what only may the marriage relationship be dissolved? Romans 7:1,2.

- 3. Was Jesus an example in obeying his mother and Joseph? Are we to follow this example? Luke 2:51; 1 Corinthians 11:1.
- 4. What wonderful blessing will God shower upon those who honor and obey their parents? Ephesians 6:1-3.
- 5. What awful curse has God pronounced upon disobedient children? Exodus 21:17; Proverbs 30:17; Matthew 15:5, 6.
- 6. What will one of the prominent sins of the last days be? 2 Timothy 3:2.
- 7. How are children to regard the aged? Leviticus 19:32.
- 8. What did Abraham teach his children? Genesis 18:18, 19.
- 9. If we wish to lay claim to the promise, as heirs of Abraham, what must we do? John 8:39.
- 10. How diligently should parents teach their children? Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4.
- 11. What good fruits will proper child training produce? Proverbs 29:17, 15.
- 12. Is there danger in delaying correction too long? Proverbs 19:18; 13:24.

Note. — Every Christian family should have a family altar, it is the parents' duty to see that every child of the family is present. As soon as a child is old enough to read and to pray it should be given a definite part in the family worship.

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13. When the marriage union is dissolved without compunction by the world, what endeavors should believers make to uphold the sanctity of marriage, even under provocation? 1 Corinthians 7:10, 11.

Lesson for July 13, 2019.

A CHRISTIAN HUSBAND

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5. Memory Verse: Ephesians 5:28.

- 1. What position does the husband occupy in the family? Ephesians 5:23.
- 2. Why is this position of responsibility his? 1 Corinthians 11:8,9.
- 3. What beautiful illustration of leadership preludes any abuse of this prerogative? Ephesians 5:24.
- 4. To whom will the godly husband himself be subject? 1 Corinthians 11:3.
- 5. How should husbands relate themselves to their wives? Colossians 3:19.
- 6. What should be the degree of their affection? Ephesians 5:33.
- 7. How will the love which a husband showers upon his wife return to him? Ephesians 5:28,29.
- 8. What still nobler example of love is set before the husband? Ephesians 5:25.

- 6. How does Paul further interpret the meaning of the word "children"? 1 Corinthians 14:20.
- 7. What will the quality of "children in malice" lead us to do? Matthew 5:43-45.
- 8. If we are "children of malice", what degree of perfection will we be lead to? Matthew 5:46-48
- 9. Upon what did the Saviour say our forgiveness depended? Matthew 6:14,15.
- 10. How many times should our humility lead us to forgive our foes? Matthew 18:21,22.

Note: Unforgiveness, malice, anger and so on hinder a believer's growth and development just as diseases do the physical body. It takes a humble heart in which the Saviour dwells to forgive and forget.

- 11. If we receive the honor that awaits us, what trait must we first possess? Proverbs 15:33.
- 12. What are the products of humility and fear of the Lord? Proverbs 22:4.

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Lesson for September 28, 2019.

ARE THE PEOPLE RETURNING TO THE HOLY LAND REALLY JEWS?

Scripture reading: Ezekiel 38:14-23. Memory verse: Ezekiel 38:16.

- 1. What special blessing did the Lord promise to Abraham and to his seed, and what curses were promised for his enemies? Gen. 12:1-3,
- 2. What race of people hold the legal deed to the Holy Land? Gen. 15:18; 17:8.
- 3. Has God disinherited the literal heirs to this estate? Jer. 31:35-37; Romans 11:1-4.
- 4. Is the Lord gathering the same race of people back to the land of Israel, that He removed from there? Jer. 32:37,
- 5. In that dispersion among the nations, were they to posses certain features by which they would be known as Jews? Isa. 61:9.
- 6. Is the Heavenly Father bringing the Jews back to their own land because of their merits, or for His own Name's sake? Eze. 36:22-32.
- 7. When He gives them a new heart and spirit, what is said of the waste land and ancient cities? Verses 34-36.

THE VICTORIOUS LIFE THE HUMILITY OF THE SAVIOUR AND HIS CHILDREN

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:1-20. Memory Verse: Matthew 18:3.

- 1. In coming to the earth, what example of humility did the Saviour set? Luke 2:11,12,16.
- 2. What prophetic fulfillment do we have of His humility? Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:1-11.
- 3. To what else did the Saviour humble Himself? Philippians 2:5-8.
- 4. What did the disciples want to know of the Saviour? Matthew 18:1.
- 5. Whom did He set as a model for them? Matthew 18:2-4.

Note: "Converted and become" - There are some who are truly converted, and yet are not humble. Many believers are found in this category. One may appear to be humble until there is an issue involved that demands submission, then he rebels against authority; this often causes divisions.

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- 4. Upon what does this foundation rest? Matthew 16:13-18.
- 5. Who is this solid Rock? Deut. 32:1-4; Psa. 92:15: 94:22.
- 6. Can we be sure that this foundation will stand? 2 Tim. 2:19.

Note. — In all buildings there must of necessity be a foundation and a place upon which it rests. In this building of God we have Jesus, the Apostles, and the prophets for the foundation, who are laid upon God, the solid Rock.

- 7. What place do the followers of Messiah occupy in this building? 1 Peter 2:5; Eph. 2:22.
- 8. When this building is finished what is it then called? Eph. 2:21.

Note. — This building which represents the Church is the place where God through His Holy Spirit dwells, John 17:21-23.

- 9. In order for God to dwell in this building in what condition must it be? 11 Cor. 6:14-18.
- 10. What is the condition of each true stone in this building? 1 Peter 2:5.
- 11. How can we remain part of this building? Heb. 3:5, 6.

THE GOLDEN RULE

Scripture reading: Luke 6:17-38. Memory verse: Matthew 7:12.

- 1. What did God, through Moses, give to His people to obey? Deuteronomy 4:40 (first part).
- 2. Were these commandments given just to show God's authority over man, or would man be benefited by keeping them? Deuteronomy 4:40 (last part).
- 3. If all men had obeyed the commandments of God, would there be war today? Isaiah 48:17, 18.
- 4. Some people pick out certain commandments and say that they are greater than others. What question was Jesus once asked concerning this? Matthew 22:36.
- 5. What answer did Jesus give the lawyer? Did He say that any certain commandments were greater? Matthew 22:37-40.
- 6. Jesus said that He gave us a new commandment. Is it any different from the other ten? John 13:34; John 15:12.
- 7. What then is the very foundation and the fulfilling of the whole Ten Commandment law? Galatians 5:14.

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- 9. What is one beautiful example of love between husband and wife which the Scriptures provide? Genesis 24:67.
- 10. In addition to bestowing upon his wife his love, what honour should the husband give her? 1 Peter 2.7
- 11. With what consideration should a husband treat his wife? 1 Corinthians 7:3.
- 12. What responsibility has the husband to his household? 1 Timothy 5:8.
- 13. How light does love make the hardest burdens? Genesis 29:20.
- 14. What blessings does the Lord promise to the godly husband? Psalms 128:3.

Lesson for July 20, 2019.

A CHRISTIAN WIFE

Scripture Reading: Titus 2:1-15. Memory Verse: Titus 2:4.

- 1. What companionship did God provide for Adam? Gen. 2:18, 24.
- 2. What affection does the Christian wife have for her husband? Titus 2:4.
- 3. What mutual consideration should there be between the husband and the wife? 1 Cor. 7:3.

- 8. What does the Apostle John tell us concerning the commandment of love? 1 John 4:7-11.
- 9. In order to obey this great command of love, what must we do? Luke 6:31-38.
- 10. Some people say they love God, and yet they cannot seem to say enough evil about their neighbors and friends. Do these people really love God? 1 John 4:20.
- 11. What proves to the world that we are genuine Christian people? 1 John 3:14-19; John 13:35.

Lesson for August 24, 2019.

PRAYER, THE CHRISTIANS DUTY

Scripture reading: Luke 11: 1-13; Psalms 25. Memory verse: 1 John 5:14.

- 1. How did the apostle Paul say to pray? Ephesians 6:18.
- 2. How shall we make our requests known unto the Heavenly Father? Philippians 4:6.
- 3. Is faith essential for answered prayer? Mark 11:24.
- 4. What attitude does God have towards the prayer of the righteous? Proverbs 15:8 (last part).

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- 4. Since the husband is the head of the household what respect should the wives have for their husbands? Eph. 5:22, 24; Col. 3:18.
- 5. What other wifely virtues does the Bible command? 1 Tim. 3:11; Titus 2:5.
- 6. What does the wisdom of a wise woman do? Pro. 14:1; Pro. 31:27.
- 7. On the other hand, what particularly deplorable traits are mentioned? 1 Tim. 5:13.
- 8. How precious is a good wife? Pro. 31:10.
- 9. What honour does a good wife bring to her husband? Pro. 12:4; 31:12.
- 10. How should such a wife be esteemed? Pro. 31: 11, 28,
- 11. What is the reward of a good wife? Pro. 31:28, 30, 31.

5. What attitude does God have towards the prayer of the unrighteous? Proverbs 15:8 (first part)

6. For what did Moses pray? Numbers 14:19.

- 7. How should we conduct ourselves in the sight of the Lord to be helped, or in order to receive help from Him? James 4:10.
- 8. What are we expected to do in case of sickness? James 5:14.
- What results are obtained through the prayer of faith? Verse 15.
- 10. What should Christians do for one another in order to be healed? Verse 16.
- 11. How did Christ tell Peter to conduct himself on the night of His betrayal? Matthew 26:41.
- 12. What was Christ's prayer on the night of betrayal? Verse 39.

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- 6. How often must our spiritual man be renewed? 2 Corinthians 4:16.
- 7. What lesson must we first learn? Isaiah 40:31.
- 8. After whose image must we be renewed? Col. 3:10.
- In following Christ whose will must we seek? John 5:30.
- 10. What is one test of the Christian so noticeable to all? 1 John 2:15-17.
- 11. Since Titus 3:5 is true, of what should we be careful? 1 John 2:28.
- 12. To live a victorious life what steps are necessary? Philippians 1:9-11.

Lesson for September 21, 2019.

THE BUILDING OF GOD

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 3. Memory Verse: 1 Cor. 3:9.

- 1. Unto what does the Apostle Paul liken the people of God? 1 Cor. 3:9.
- 2. Of what does the foundation of this building consist? Eph, 2:19, 20.
- 3. What important place does Jesus occupy in this building? Eph. 2:20, last part; Isa. 28:16.