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**OVERCOMING THE WORLD – (A MESSAGE  
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# TEXT/INTRODUCTION:

**TEXT:** 1JOHN 4:4 -Ye are of God, little children (everyone in the hand of the Almighty God), and have **OVERCOME THEM** because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the **WORLD**.

**OVERCOMER:** an overcomer is a person (in this context, a child of God) who successfully prevails and gains control over opposition, difficulties or challenges.

**THEM:** Refers to battles that have been fought and won or are being fought.

**WORLD:** The world refers to the physical earth or humanity/ God's creation. In the scriptural sense, which is relevant here, it refers to **the secular system that is opposed to God**. The world refers to the enemy.

## INTRODUCTION

The topic **OVERCOMING THE WORLD** therefore is how a person can successfully prevail over difficulties and challenges faced in the secular system that is opposed to God. Scripture says we must love not the world,



# TEXT/INTRODUCTION Contd:

neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. To be an Overcomer, you must overcome the world. (the world consists of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life and these are not of the father but of the world) – **1 John 2:14-15.**

**LESSON: He that loves the world shall perish; but he that loves not the world abideth forever – 1 John 2:17**

# OVERCOMERS/CHAMPIONS

The gathering of the Overcomers can also be described as The Gathering of Champions.

## **CATEGORIES OF CHAMPIONS**

- ❑ **EX- CHAMPIONS:** Those who used to be Champions or Overcomers but have lost their crowns. They stand the chance of regaining what they have lost if they repent.
- ❑ **POTENTIAL CHAMPIONS:** These are people currently engaged in battles and are in the gathering of Overcomers trusting God they will win. A potential champion shows he/she has the capacity to develop into a champion or Overcomer in future.
- ❑ **REIGNING CHAMPIONS:** These are the real Champions and Overcomers, and they know themselves. These ones have just won battles and as such are noisy. (We know the winning side is the shouting side). They need to learn how to remain Champions.

# WHY ARE WE IN A WAR?

- The world, represented by dust constantly tries to pull us down, but the Spirit of God constantly tries to lift us up, closer to God
- There is a constant battle between getting closer to God and going the way of the flesh. **Galatians 5: 16-17**

**LESSON:** A true Christian must live an Overcomer's life. This is by resisting all the world has to offer and going the way of the Lord. Then one can remain an Overcomer forever.



# THE OVERCOMER'S LIFE

The life of an Overcomer is one of sacrifice and consistent discipline, such as a sportsman. A boxer for instance:

- ❑ Denies himself sleep, while others are sleeping.
- ❑ Minds his diet: while others feed fat, he is careful about what he eats and engages in fasts from time to time
- ❑ The ability to sacrifice and be disciplined will make one a Champion.

**LESSON:** Anyone who will be an Overcomer must be of God. Problems usually arise after you become a Champion because other people will want to challenge you and take your crown. Extra effort is required for a Champion to remain one than even to become one.



# DOES GOD HATE ENJOYMENT?

## FOOD

- ❑ GOD WANTS US TO EAT: **Proverbs 24:13**
- ❑ EATING MUST BE MEASURED: **Proverbs 25:27 ; 1 Corinthians 6:13**

You are a composition of the earth (dust) and the spirit of God – **Genesis 2:7.**

Better to take care of the intangible within you, which is the Spirit which goes back to heaven – **Galatians 5:16**

## SLEEP

- ❑ GOD IS NOT AGAINST SLEEPING: **Psalms 127:2**
- ❑ TOO MUCH OF SLEEP IS BAD: **Proverbs 6:10-11**

# DOES GOD HATE ENJOYMENT Contd

## PROSPERITY

- ❑ GOD WANTS US TO BE PROSPEROUS: **Job 36:10 – 11**
- ❑ BE MINDFUL OF THE DEVIL: He will confuse you by encouraging you to pursue money and prosperity by doing **ANYTHING** to get rich- **Matthew 16:26**
- ❑ IT IS THE END THAT MATTERS: **1 Timothy 6:7**

**LESSON: STOP PURSUING WEALTH AT THE EXPENSE OF YOUR SOUL.** If you behave like people of the world who engage in lying, cheating and compromising so you can acquire flashy cars and other things of this world, what then happens after you die?

# EXAMPLES OF GREAT LOSERS

- ❑ **ESAU: Genesis 25: 29-34; Genesis 27: 30 – 40.**
- ❑ **LOT'S WIFE: Genesis 19: 15-26.**
- ❑ **GEHAZI: 2 Kings 5: 1- end.**
- ❑ **JUDAS ISCARIOT: Acts 1: 15-20.**

**LESSON: LOVE NOT THE WORLD AND THE THINGS IN IT. THESE THINGS WILL PASS AWAY**

# SOME EXAMPLES OF GREAT OVERCOMERS

□ **ELISHA:** 1 Kings 19: 19 -21; (2 Kings 13:14-21).

□ **PETER:** Luke 5:1 – 11; Acts 5: 12-16




# LESSONS

- ❑ If you are already an Overcomer and you allow what the world offers you to take your eyes off Jesus Christ, you will end up a loser.
- ❑ If you take your eyes off the world now and turn your gaze to God, you will become an Overcomer again
- ❑ If you are an Overcomer now and you want to remain one forever, cling to the One who has made you an Overcomer.
- ❑ Let your focus be on things above, not on things beneath.
- ❑ For the unsaved, you can only become an Overcomer if Christ dwells in you
- ❑ For ex- Champions who are likened to backsliders, the Lord will restore them if they repent and trust him because there is sorrow in being an ex-champion.
- ❑ May we all resolve henceforth to follow God and God alone, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

# CONCLUSION



The bible text teaches that life is war made up of battles. When facing a war you are not sure you can win, you must look for an Ally far far superior to your enemy– in this case God who is indwelling in you – to help you. When you do so, you will win the battle because the One in you is greater than the one in the world. That means to be an Overcomer, you must overcome the world.





# **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**



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