



OVERCOMING SELF

A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL OVERSEER

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INTRODUCTION

The word overcoming is an adjective derived from the noun OVERCOMER.

An overcomer is a person who prevails in spite of opposition, difficulties and weaknesses.

A believer who is referred to as an overcomer must have passed through some difficulties and challenges and for him or her to remain as one he/she is expected to meet some criteria one of which is OVERCOMING HIMSELF/HERSELF.

OVERCOMING is defined as : successful, profitable, prosperous etc.while Self is defined as a person or thing referred to with respect to complete individuality:

OR a person's nature, character, etc.:



INTRODUCTION *cont'd*

**So, I will put my understanding of OVERCOMING SELF to mean:
“An individual who is MAKING AN EFFORT TO SUCCESSFULLY
DEAL WITH HIS/ HER NATURE OR CHARACTER”**

It takes the help of God through the Holy Spirit to get a believer to be a winner and an overcomer and remain one forever. That is why we are looking at this teaching of overcoming self.



WHAT TO KNOW

As children of God, we need to know that God uses every experience we've been through to prepare us for life and so Daddy GO used his life as a boxer to illustrate this point and said that before you go into the boxing ring to face an opponent particularly if you must win, there are certain things you must know/do

- **Do your homework well and be ready**
- **Know that the judges/ referee may be biased**



WHAT TO KNOW *cont'd*

- Never go with the intention to win on points
- You must aim to win by a knockout
- You must knock out your opponent such that he will not want a rematch

As an overcomer you are in the battle of life ie in a warfare. So, you must win and win so thoroughly that you will forever remain an overcomer.



SOME POINTS TO PONDER

If the warfare you are involved in is a serious one and not a joke then have you ever wondered:

- *Why did MOSES miss the promised land ?*
- *Why did SOLOMON consider everything to be vanity at the end of his life?*

Something must have happened in their lives for these individuals to end this way and that is why you must **OVERCOME SELF** if you want to remain an overcomer forever.

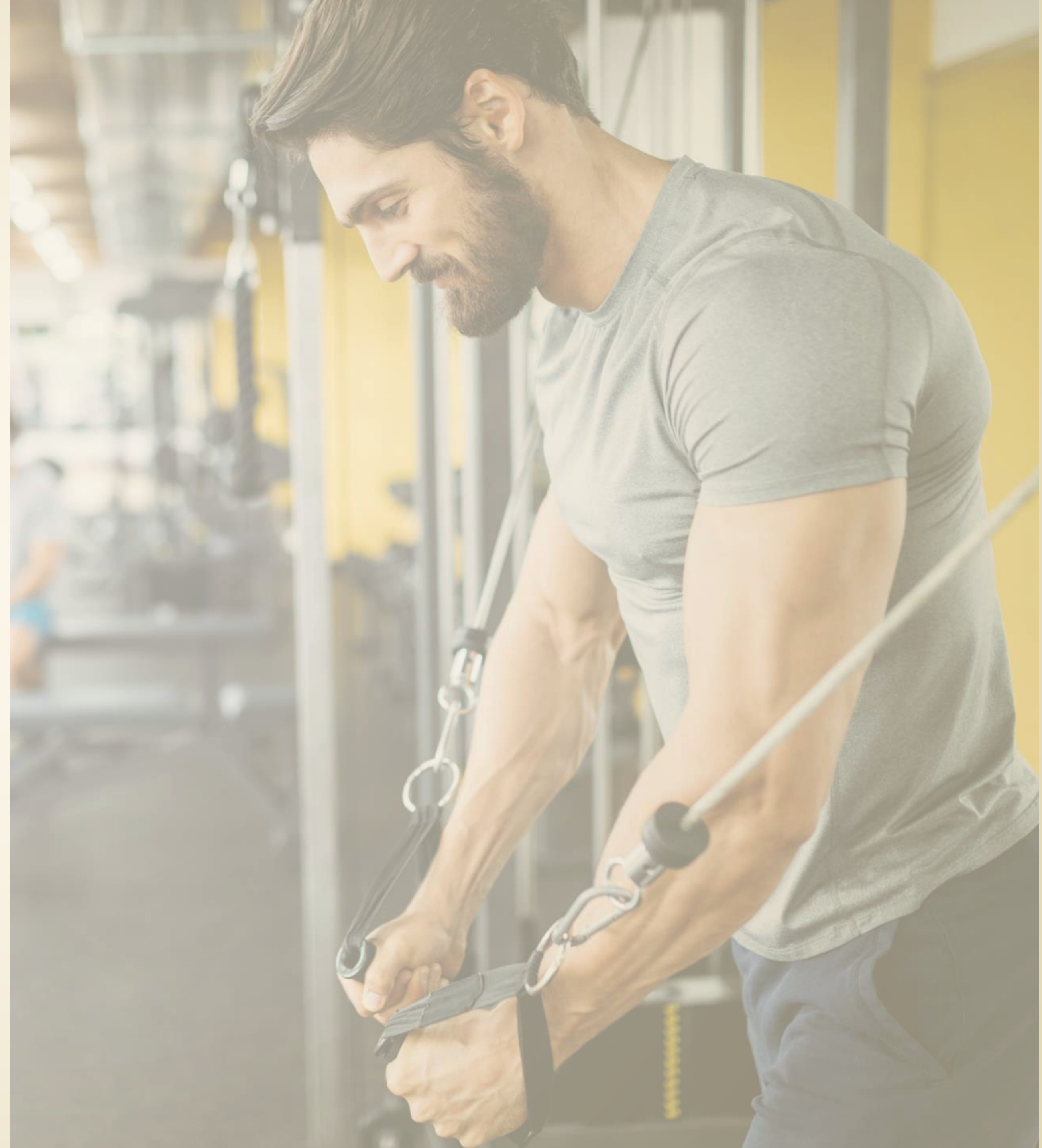
OVERCOMING SELF :

TRAIN YOUR MEMBERS

TEXT: Proverbs 16:32 "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

**If you must be an overcomer.
You must first overcome yourself
and**

**In overcoming self, you must
learn self control by TRAINING
your members.**





TRAIN YOUR EARS



**You must start with your ears.
Romans 10:17 says “So then faith
cometh by hearing, and hearing
by the word of God.”**

**Hearing just, a word from God
can settle all your problems. So,
hearken to his word. Numbers
13:26-33 and Numbers 14:1-4**

WHAT TO DO:

**It is not how you listen but how
well you listen.**

**Hearken diligently to the voice of
the Lord and do what He tells you,
then you will never need to fight
to be an overcomer. Deuteronomy
28:1-13**



TRAIN YOUR EYES

You cannot win if you don't train your eyes to look at the right things. Victory doesn't depend on what you see but how you see it.

Compare the story in Numbers 13:27-33 with Numbers 14:6-9.

There are two groups. The 10 spies saw themselves as grasshoppers. While the 2 spies with the good news saw themselves as overcomers.

How do you see yourself? Are you a grasshopper or an overcomer?

If you see a mountain What determines whether or not you're going to overcome that mountain is, whether you are looking at the mountain or you are looking at the one who had existed before the mountains were brought forward. Psalms 90:2





TRAIN YOUR EYES

What you see will determine what you become and how far you will go in life.

WHAT TO DO:

Dont look at the mountain. Have faith in God and tell the mountain to move.

Mark 11:22-23

Keep on beholding the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be moving from glory to glory. 2 Corinthians 3:18





TRAIN YOUR MOUTH

You must train your mouth because:

- Your mouth will determine your victory. Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Proverbs 18:21
- What you say is what you will have. Numbers 14:26-28 “ God says as you have spoken in my ears so will I do unto you.”
- You will overcome evil through the word of your testimony. Revelation 12:11
- Your mouth will expose your Faith and It is your faith that makes you whole. Matthew 12:34 says “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”



TRAIN YOUR MOUTH

- Your mouth is for praising God and for calling upon him in the day of trouble. Psalms 50:15, Psalms 84:4
- Your mouth is for casting out demons. Mark 16:17
- Your mouth is for decreeing good things. Job 22:28

WHAT TO DO:

Engage your mouth in praising God rather than murmuring , grumbling or complaining about things that are not working well. Psalms 34:1



TRAIN YOUR HANDS

You must overcome your hand because your hands are powerful equipment for war.

Ephesians 6:11-18 says you are to put on the whole armor of God. And your hands are engaged in putting on the armor.

The left hand is to hold the shield while the right hand is to hold the sword.

Be careful with what you do with your hands because in 2Corinthians 6:17 God said something serious about your hands. He says, *“and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you”*.

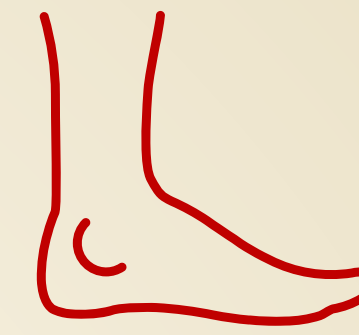
If God receives you, you can never lose a battle. Romans 8:31

WHAT TO DO:

Refrain your hands from touching anything unclean. e.g Don't sign or forge any false documents.



TRAIN YOUR LEGS



You must control your legs if you want to be an overcomer. Isaiah 52:7a says
“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings”

What are you using your legs to do? Where do you go? Are you going on evangelism? or are you using your legs to run and shed blood? Proverbs 1:16

WHAT TO DO:

Go and preach the gospel in all the nations of the world. Mark 16:15 says

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

Do this and you will be supporting the church in fulfilling the vision 2032

THE WINNING TEAM



For a believer to be an overcomer forever, he must not let down his guard. The devil is always after a winner. He looks out for his weak points and keeps a record of them to use against him anytime the opportunity arises.

The WEAK POINT OF MOSES WAS ANGER. The Devil recorded this ANGER first in Exodus 2:11-12 when he killed an Egyptian and FINALLY, he got him out of the race to the promised land when Moses got angry and struck the rock instead of speaking to it as instructed by God.

Numbers 20:10-11

The devil rejoices when he succeeds in getting his victims down and defeated through their weak points. That is why an overcomer must be sober and vigilant always. 1 Peter 5:8



CONCLUSION

Many believers have destroyed their own destiny because they cannot control their actions. Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 9:27 NLT said “I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.”

TO BE AN OVERCOMER FOREVER YOU MUST OVERCOME SELF BY MAKING NO PROVISION FOR THE FLESH. Romans 13:14

May the Lord help us in Jesus name.

PRAYER: Father, please help me to overcome my members and put them under control so that I can remain an overcomer forever in Jesus name.

THANK YOU.

