

# The Triumphant Life

## Keep the Change – Part I

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“Thank God that He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 15:57 <sup>GW</sup>

“Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature, your former way of life, which was corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. And “don’t sin by letting anger control you.” Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil.”

Ephesians 4:21-27 <sup>NLT</sup>

## Why Change is a Struggle

1. Because I’ve \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 14:12 <sup>TLB</sup> – “Before every man there lies a wide and pleasant road that seems right but ends in death.”

2. Because I’ve \_\_\_\_\_.

I am a Child of God: John 1:12 <sup>NLT</sup>: “But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.”

I am Chosen and Loved: 1 Thessalonians 1:4 <sup>NLT</sup>: “We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people.”

I am Forgiven: Ephesians 1:7 <sup>NLT</sup>: “He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.”

I am Redeemed and Set Free: Galatians 3:13 <sup>NLT</sup>: “But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing.”

I am Empowered: Philippians 4:13 <sup>NLT</sup>: “For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”

I am Called for a Purpose: Jeremiah 29:11 <sup>NLT</sup>: “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

I am More Than a Conqueror: Romans 8:37 <sup>NLT</sup>: “No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.”

I am a Victorious Overcomer: 1 John 5:4 <sup>NLT</sup>: “For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith.”

I am God’s Workmanship: Ephesians 2:10 <sup>NLT</sup>: “For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

I am Blessed: Ephesians 1:3 <sup>NLT</sup>: “All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.”

3. Because I’ve \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Timothy 5:6 <sup>AMP</sup> – “The one who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives.”

2 Corinthians 13:5 <sup>MSG</sup> – “Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don’t drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups.”

4. Because I’ve \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Peter 5:8 <sup>TLB</sup> – “Be careful - watch out for attacks from Satan, your great enemy. He prowls around like a hungry, roaring lion, looking for some victim to tear apart.”

## Six Requirements for Change

1. Change requires \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 4:21 <sup>NLT</sup> – “Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from Him,”

John 14:6 <sup>NLT</sup> – “Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”

2 Timothy 3:16 <sup>NLT</sup> – “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.”

2. Change requires \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 4:22 <sup>GNT</sup> – “So get rid of your old self, which made you live as you used to—the old self that was being destroyed by its deceitful desires.

Philippians 2:12-13 <sup>NIV</sup> “...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”

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