

The Word in Meditation

BEING AN OVERCOMER

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Hello friends, and welcome to the Word in Meditation where we have been talking this week about being an overcomer. Let us pray.

Father, thank you for Jesus, our brother, who overcame the devil in his own domain so we might be reconciled back to you that we might be overcomers through Jesus. Thank you for overcoming faith and the power of your Word in us. We give you praise and honor. We look to your teaching now in Jesus Name, amen.

Let's look together in these few remaining moments at 1 John 2:14-15. Here it says, "I have written to you fathers because you have known him that is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one. 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."

We want to look at a portion of this scripture where it says, "I have written to you young men because you are strong, and the word of god abides in you and you have overcome the wicked one."

There is only one *wicked one*, which is the devil. Let us not fool ourselves. We are not overcomers if we have not overcome the wicked one. It is not right to think the devil is so strong. He is not. But he wants us to *think* he is. Jesus defeated Satan and stripped him of everything that he trusted in. He is left with nothing; so, the devil *is* conquerable in our own lives by *us*, in Jesus Name. US is who believes.

Now, there is a qualifier in there. Remember a couple of days ago I told you I had tried to get one of Satan's demons out of my basemen in the Name of Jesus and it wouldn't go? Then I told you I got into the Word of God, and the next time it happened I used Jesus' Name against the demon and it left?

Well, here is why it worked. See, the scripture says because you are strong, and the Word of God abides in you. You can be a strongman physically and it won't do you any good in the spirit realm. We are strong because of the Word of God in our spirits. See, it says, "and the word of God *abides* in you. To abide means to stay; so, if the Word of God is in you to stay, you are strong and it follows that you *will* overcome the wicked one!

You have something to do, which is to make *sure* the Word of God is *in* you. You do that by diligently hitting the books, to use a school term. To doggedly read the Bible to study it to see what it has to say. You might not *feel* anything right away, but I guarantee by the Word of God you soon will. Your *attitude* will change. Your *speech* will change. Your goals will change, and if you don't currently have any you'll get some.

Jesus said in John 15:11, "These things have I spoken that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full. Nehemiah 8:10 says, "The joy of the Lord is your strength. With strength we overcome, praise God, in every direction!

Tomorrow is Sunday. Shut-ins, IO love you, God loves you. Be of good cheer. Friends read to the blind, visit the sick, care for the needy. See you Monday!

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