

YOU WILL BE ABLE

Overcoming Sin & Temptation (7)
Ephesians 6:11

I. Introduction

- A. It is an amazing thought that we can stand firm for the faith in the face of such aggressive forces and in such hostile territory (Eph. 6:10-12)!
- B. Do you believe what he says here? Have you done all that you can to do this?

II. “Able To Stand”

- A. Don't forget that God has made clear we are capable of overcoming temptation (Gen. 4:7).
- B. He commands that we actively “resist the devil” (Jas. 4:7).
- C. God declares we are never forced into evil, but that He provides a way out (1 Cor. 10:13).
- D. It will take a resetting of the mind (Rom. 12:1-2; Col. 3:5-8).

III. “Having Done Everything”

- A. You can't pick and choose what you want, but you must take on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:10-17).
- B. Stop giving provision for the flesh (Rom. 13:14; Eph. 4:26-27; 1 Pet. 2:11).
- C. Focus on God, and quit focusing on the carnal (Eph. 6:12; Gal. 5:16-17).
- D. Submitting to God looks like surrounding yourself with His holiness and escaping all forms of worldliness (Jas. 4:1-8).
- E. Have you done what you can?
 - 1. Are you praying (Eph. 6:18)?
 - 2. Are you using God's word to grow (1 Pet. 2:1-3)?
 - 3. Are you keeping yourself holy, or are you trying to still keep contact with those/that which will try to entice you?

IV. Conclusion

- A. We are in hostile territory, in a heated battle, but don't forget the King that we fight for and on whose behalf we gladly suffer.
 - 1. *“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed in us.”* (Rom. 8:18)
- B. Weariness will come, but liberation from sin & its practices can inspire us to fight harder and endure more than we ever thought possible.
- C. The only way you can be totally liberated is by submitting yourself to the King, Jesus the Christ.
 - 1. Are you willing to do EVERYTHING He says & requires of you? If so, why wait?

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