

Victory: Winning the Spiritual Battle

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• _____ on guard.

•Don't get _____.

Questions for Personal Reflection And Group Discussion

1. What difference does it make in the here and now that the struggle we are in will not last forever? Do you find the ultimate end of evil a motivating idea?

2. In Rev. 21:4 we read that in the end God will wipe every tear from our eyes. What sorrows come to your mind when you anticipate this resolution of all things?

3. Check out 2 Thes. 2:8,9. These verses say that the antichrist will be overthrown and destroyed by the splendor of Christ's coming. Do you ever think of the return of Jesus? What do you picture that will be like?

4. As you understand it, based on the Scriptures mentioned in this message, just what did Jesus do to conquer Satan? How can you experience this same victory?

5. It is amazing how often we can prevail against Satan's temptations by simply doing the math: sin doesn't pay! Read Gal. 6:7 and Prov. 6:27,28 then make a list of the negative consequences you would experience if you followed the devil's example of rebellion.

6. An important rule of warfare is not to isolate yourself from your fellow soldiers. If we refuse to work as a team, the enemy has the advantage of a one-on-one conflict. What can you do in order to enlist the help of trusted friends to give encouragement and accountability? See Gal. 6:1,2 and James 5:16.

7. What is the key word in 1 Pet. 5:8,9 and James 4:7? How can you do it?

8. What will staying on guard mean for you?

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