

## A Now Word

### INTRO

I had planned to speak on breaking strongholds this week but while I was at the gym Friday the Lord spoke to me about sifting gears. ... I was chatting with the Lord about some things I had on my heart ... I was feeling heavy hearted sharing with the Lord my concerns

I was asking the Lord why it was that so few people are experiencing total victory in their faith walk ... Why are they not “overcoming” the issue of this life?

### 1 John 5:4 (TPT)

You see, every child of God overcomes the world, for our faith is the victorious power that triumphs over the world.

**Footnotes:** The Greek verb tense indicates continuous action, “continually conquers the world” (system).

Then this thought came to my mind ... In my decades of ministry, I have observed scores of people who have struggled with all kinds of difficulties ... What I have come to realize is folk just don't understand the importance of implementing biblical principles into their lives to gain victory over their difficulties. ... But rather they choose to implement worldly coping skill in order to manage their difficulties.

Another observation I have is this – many folks will implement biblical principles but quit before they achieve total freedom from their difficulties ... They will implement biblical principles until some sort of relief is gained ... Then they will either stop there because the difficulty is tolerable ... Or they will then implement worldly coping skill to keep the difficulty from getting worse

This is when the Father told me I needed to shift gears ... I needed to root down even deeper so that the true issue can be exposed ... It is time to destroy some roots in our lives so that those

difficulties can no longer poke it ugly head up about the soil again. ... Then the Lord gave me these next couple of Scriptures ...

Psalm 37:4 (AMPC)

Delight yourself also in the Lord, ... and He will give you the desires and secret petitions of your heart.

### What / Who do You Delight In?

Delight Defined

Strong's H6026 - `anag ... to be happy about, ... take exquisite delight ... to make merry over, ... make sport of – “to play and have fun with” {Genesis 26:8 - - And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, ... Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife.}

### What are your Desires?

Desire Defined

Strong's H4862 - mish'alah ... prayer request ... petition ... request

Psalm 20:5 (AMPC)

We will [shout in] triumph at your salvation and victory, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners. ... May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.

### Who / What are you Linking Up With?

Matthew 11:28-30 (AMPC)

Come to Me, {*your choice*} ... all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, ... and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.]

29 Take My yoke upon you {(TPT) Simply join your life with Mine } {*your choice*} ... and Learn of Me, {(TPT) Learn My ways } {*speaks of intimacy “sporting with”*}... for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, ... and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls.

30 For My yoke is wholesome (useful, good - not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant), ... and My burden is light and easy to be borne.