Three Steps To A Victorious Overcoming Life Notes by Franklin

Revelation 12:10 & 11 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for **the accuser** of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, **has been cast down**. And **THEY OVERCAME him** by (1) the **BLOOD of The LAMB** and (2) by **the WORD of their testimony**, and (3) they **did not love their lives even unto death**.

Lets read it this way:

Now salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom of our GOD, and the power of His Christ have come TO ME, for my accuser who accused me before our God day and night, has been cast down. And I OVERCAME him by (1) the BLOOD of The LAMB and (2) by the WORD of MY testimony, and (3) I DO NOT LOVE MY life even unto death.

#1 THE BLOOD of THE LAMB

This is The LORD's part His Free Provision for us by His Grace.

My Hope is built on nothing less that JESUS' BLOOD and Righteousness. I dare not trust my strength or brains but wholly lean on JESUS' Name.

#2 The Word of our Testimony

This is our Part Declaring what The Blood of JESUS has done for me.

#3 And did not love their lives even unto death

These are the three necessary steps, the way for a VICTORIOUS LIFE

#1 By The Blood of JESUS I Have . . .

- Forgiveness of sins Heb. 9:26; 10:17; Ps.103; 12 Rev.1:5
- Cleansed from all sin 1 John 1:7
- Been Justified Romans 3;24; 5:9
- Been made Holy Romans 12;1; 1Cor.3:17; Eph.1:4
- Been made Righteous Romans 5:19 2Cor.5:21
- Been Sanctified Hebrews 10:10
- Eternal Life John 3:16
- Overcome the results of sin Revelation 12:11
- Been Purchased by His Blood Acts 20:28
- Eternal Redemption Hebrews 9:12; 1 Peter 1:18-19
- Eternal Inheritance Hebrews 9:15
- A Clear Conscience Hebrews 9:14; 10:22
- Confidence to enter The Holy Place Hebrews 4:16; 10:19
- I have been Healed Isaiah 53:5
- It is well with my soul Isaiah 53:5
- All will go well with me Isaiah 3:10 Romans 8:28
- My youth will be renewed as the eagle Psalm 103:5
- His Laws are in my heart and mind Hebrews 10:16
- The LORD hovers over me & protects me Exodus 12:23
- I am in Covenant with HIM Acts 22:20

#2 The Word of my Testimony

This is my part: **Declaring** what The BLOOD of JESUS has done and will do for me. This is Absolutely Necessary to actuate, experience and enjoy the full blessings of Victory.

There are many verses that Declare the POWER OF SPEAKING THE WORD of GOD.

- ALL THINGS WERE CREATED BY HIS WORD: Genesis 1 Then God said, let there be . . . and there was . . .
- John 1:1-4 In the beginning was THE WORD, and THE WORD was with God, and THE WORD WAS GOD.
 ... All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.
- Psalm 29:4 The voice of The LORD is POWERFUL.
- Isaiah 55:11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.
- Hebrews 4:12 The Word of GOD is LIVING (it is alive) and ACTIVE (it creates and changes things) and SHARPER than any two-edged SWORD, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. It works mightily in our life.
- For instance: Ephesians 5:26 cleansing and washing of water with The WORD.

Jeremiah 23:29 Is not My WORD like FIRE? (fire purifies & cleanses) declares The LORD, and like a hammer that shatters a rock? So there is hope for my hard head.

The LORD has also given us the Authority and has expressed the importance and necessity of our Speaking and DECLARING HIS WORD.

- Ephesians 6:10-17 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, and powers, and the rulers of the darkness of this world . . . and having done all, Stand therefore, having the belt of TRUTH, put on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet prepared with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, which is THE WORD OF GOD.
- Job 22:28 You shall declare a thing and it will be established for you.
- And for the mountains in your life: Mark 11:22-23 Have faith in God. For assuredly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, be removed and be cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, HE WILL HAVE WHATEVER HE SAYS.

And there is even More Good News – His WORD can renew our mind. WONDERFUL ! AWESOME ! How needed is this???

Romans 12:2 Do Not be Confirmed to this world, but be Transformed by the Renewing of your MIND

Before we were born again we were well **trained** and **schooled**, **CONFORMED** to this world and it's ways.

It is **CRITICAL** that our minds and our way of thinking are changed and renewed to think, act and respond as Jesus, according to The TRUTH -> The Word of GOD.

The "**renewing of our minds**" is **NOT easy**. It is exceedingly difficult and requires dedicated effort and desire.

It begins with **knowing** and **memorizing** The WORD of GOD. Children that grow up in a Christian home and are home schooled have a great advantage.

A Very Important step is as Paul said in the following verse:

Philippians 3:13-14 I do not consider myself to have arrived. But one thing I do, forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me

Daily ask The LORD to help you forget the trash that is in your mind. When it comes up, refuse to linger there. Immediately start quoting a verse that you have memorized.

As Paul said:

Whatever is true, right, noble, pure, lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, **think on these things**. Philippians 4:8

Our minds CAN BE RENEWED ! As The LORD said: 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, he is a new creation; **old things have passed away**; behold, **all things have become new**.

Revelation 21:5 Then He who sat on The Throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

Thank YOU LORD JESUS !

MY MIND IS BEING MADE NEW !

AND

"I AM WHAT I AM"

By the Grace of God I AM WHAT I AM, and His Grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more that all of them, yet not I, but by the Grace of God and THE BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST. 1Cor.15:10

- I labored I MUST work at, labor at, Declaring Who I am. And Declare it until I Believe it !
- I Am who and what My FATHER says I Am and His Grace toward me will not prove vain / unproductive

I Will Declare Who I Am ! And it will be established !

- I am a child of GOD & HE is my FATHER. 1John3:1-2
- I am chosen of GOD

I am a Temple of GOD

• I am Born Again

- Ephesians 1:4
- 1 Peter 1:3 & 23
- 1 Cor. 3:16

- I am a vessel of the Holy Spirit 1 Cor. 6:19-20
- I am Very Valuable, Very Special, Redeemed by the Blood of JESUS.
 1 Peter 1:18
- I am a Royal Priest for JESUS CHRIST 1Peter 2:19
- I am a new creation 2 Cor. 5:17
- I am Righteous and Holy Ephesians 4:24
- I am a Saint 1Cor.1:2; Eph.1:1; Phil.1:1; Col.1:2
- I am a joint heir with Christ Romans 8:17
- I am a minister of JESUS Christ 2Cor. 5:18
- I am an Ambassador for Christ with the authority to speak for Him. 2Cor. 5:20
- I am the salt of the earth Matthew 5:13
- I am the light of the world Matthew 5:14
- I am an alien and stranger to this world 1Peter 2:11
- My citizenship is in heaven Philippians 3:20
- I am a proclaimer of HIS Excellences 1Peter 2:9

This (the above) IS WHO I AM.

And it is all by and because of The BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST

And His Grace toward me **did not prove vain** (useless) but **I labored** more than all of them, yet not I, but by the Grace of GOD. 1Cor.15:10

I am an "OVERCOMER" by The BLOOD of The LAMB And the Word of my Testimony.

- I know that I am Born of GOD and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. 1 John 5:19
- For whoever is born of GOD overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world, my faith. 1 John 5:4
- I do not and will not love the world, neither the things in the world. 1 John 2:15
- I do not and will not walk as those of the world in the vanity of their mind.

Ephesians 4:17-20 I affirm that you walk no longer as the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity. But YOU did not learn Christ in this way

- Isaiah 54:17 No weapon formed against me shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against me in judgment I shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD.
- I am strong, and the Word of GOD abides in me, and I have overcome the evil one. 1 John 2:14

To Overcome the "giants" in my life, My Testimony is the Testimony of David.

And I say to the giants:

You come to me with the weapons of this world, but I come to you in **THE NAME** of **THE LORD** of hosts, **JESUS**. This day **The LORD will deliver you into my hands**, and I will strike you down that all the earth may know that there is a God in heaven, and that all may know **the battle is the LORD's** and **He will** give you into my hands. 1 Samuel 17:45-48

- I will not give the devil an opportunity to attack me because of lusts, lying, anger or any sin. Eph.4:22-27
- And The GOD of Peace will soon crush satan under my feet. Romans 16:19
- I will put on the full armor of GOD that I may stand firm against the schemes of the devil. Ephesians 6:11
- Because I have made the LORD, my refuge, the Most High, my dwelling place, No evil shall befall me, no plague shall come near my dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over me, to keep me in all my ways. Psalm 91:9-11

By The Grace of GOD and The BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST

So, Why Should I ?

- Why should I say "I can't" ? I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13
- Why should I Worry ? GOD will supply all my needs according to His riches in Glory in Christ Jesus. Philipp. 4:19
- Why should I Fear ? Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalms 27:1 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2Timothy 1:7
- Why should I not try ? The people who know their God will display strength and take action. Daniel 11:32
- Why should I accept defeat ? Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ 1Cor15:57

- Why should I lack wisdom? If anyone lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously, and it will be given to him. James 1:5
- Why should I be depressed ? And when my soul is downcast within me, yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope Lamentations 3:20-26
- Why should I worry and be upset? Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Philppiansl 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- Why should I feel judged ? Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1
- Why should I feel alone ? I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matt.28:20 I will never leave you; I will never forsake you. Hebrews 13:5
- Why should I feel worthless? Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, but with the **Precious Blood of Christ** 1 Peter 1:18-19
- Why should I feel intimidated around others? Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us. Romans 8:37
- Why should I feel like a failure? If God is for me, who can be against me? Romans 8:31
- Why should I let the politics and problems of the world bother me? In Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33

#3. I DO NOT love my life even unto death

This step is Absolutely Essential if we are going to enjoy a FULLY Blessed life. It also empowers godly change in my life that then changes others also. Very, very few believers ever live their life at this level for more than occasional brief moments.

The Truth is: Galatians 2:20

I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST; and it is no longer I who live, but CHRIST LIVES IN ME; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in The SON of GOD, who loves me and gave Himself up for me.

JESUS said it this way:

Luke 9:23-24 If anyone wishes to come after Me, **he MUST DENY HIMSELF**, and **take up his cross daily and follow Me**. For whoever wishes to save his life WILL LOSE IT, but whoever LOSES HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE, he is the one who will save it.

Paul put it this way: And THIS WE MUST DO !

Ephesians 4:17-24 So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you **NO LONGER WALK** as the Gentiles walk, in the **futility of their mind**, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, just as **truth is in Jesus**, that, in reference to your **former manner of life**, (1) **YOU LAY ASIDE THE OLD SELF**, which is corrupt with lusts, and that **you be renewed in the spirit of your mind**, and (2) **PUT ON THE NEW SELF**, which has been created in righteousness and holiness in truth.

Paul also stated the benefits of this life in Romans 6:4

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism (placed) into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, **even so WE ALSO SHOULD WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE**. Romans 6:4

THIS IS GOOD NEWS! Not only can our **minds be renewed** but we can also **walk in newness of life**.

Only to the degree that we know, understand and appreciate what God our FATHER and His SON JESUS CHRIST HAVE DONE FOR US by HIS Death, Burial and Resurrection will we be willing to take up our cross – death to self - and truly follow our LORD.

As said in: Hebrews 12:14 How much more will the **BLOOD of JESUS**, who **offered Himself** without blemish to GOD, **cleanse your conscience** from dead works **TO SERVE the living God?**

Jesus expressed it this way: John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but IF IT DIES, IT BEARS MUCH FRUIT.

Be one of the few. Follow these three steps to an AMAZING, Spirit Filled, Blessed, Supernatural Life.

My Hope is built on nothing less that JESUS' Blood and Righteousness. I dare not trust my strength or brains but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Appendix:

Thoughts -> Words -> Beliefs -> Actions -> Habits -> Character -> Destiny

The way you **THINK** determines what you **SPEAK**, your **WORDS**. These develop what you **BELIEVE** which determines what you do, your **ACTIONS**, that become **HABITS** that develop your **CHARACTER** which strongly directs your **DESTINY**.

This pattern is either followed "the world's way" or The LORD's way.

JESUS said: I speak the truth John 8:45 I am the truth John 14:6

Speaking of the devil, Jesus said: John 8:44-45 He does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature (character), for he is a liar and the father of lies.

And: the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. 1 John 5:19

Speaking of us before we were born again:

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the **course of this world**, according to **the prince of the power of the air**, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them (we were not "of" them) we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh **and of the mind**, and were by nature (the way we acted) children of wrath, even as the rest. Ephesians 2:1-4

But after we were born again it is **IMPERATIVE** that we: **DO NOT be CONFORMED to this world**, but be **transformed** by the **renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is. Romans 12:2

The Evil One is **Fighting Hard** for the control of our minds also. This is why "the evil one, the liar" has worked hard to remove the WORD of GOD from our government, our schools and our minds.

2 Cor 6:17 THEREFORE, come out from their midst and be separate, says the Lord and do not touch what is unclean

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world nor the things in the world.

James 1:27 tells us that for a **pure** and **undefiled life** we are "to keep oneself **unstained** and **uncontaminated from the world**." And (4:4) . . . **that friendship with the world is hostility toward God**.

2 Peter 1:4 For by these He has granted to us His **precious** and **magnificent promises**, SO THAT by them you may become **partakers** of the DIVINE NATURE, having escaped the corruption that is in the world. This is what we need and should work toward.

We MUST Renew our Minds with The WORD of GOD, the precious and magnificent promises, SO THAT by them you may become partakers of the DIVINE NATURE, and escape the corruption that is in the world.

The Progression:

1. Thoughts - We are **destroying** speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and **we are taking every THOUGHT captive** to the obedience of Christ 2 Cor. 10:5-6

Proverb 23:7 For as a man **thinks** in his heart, **so is he**.

- 2. Words Rev. 12:11 And they overcame him because of the BLOOD OF THE LAMB and because of the **WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY**, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.
- 3. Beliefs Matt. 9:29 It shall be done to you according to your faith.
- 4. Actions Daniel 11:32 By smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take ACTION.
- 5. Habits The prevailing way of behaving and or responding to situations.
- 6. Character The way a person thinks, feels and behaves consistently.
- 7. Destiny Beliefs, Habits and Character strongly directs one's future.