

Overcoming the World

Definition: As God's light in the darkness, we transform our communities through God's grace & power, living victoriously to triumph over personal and societal issues.

Relevant Scripture:

Romans 12:1-2

Hosea 4:1-2

1 John 2:15-17

Sinful Nature vs. Spiritual Nature

Mark 7:21-22, Gal 5:19-25, Col 3:5-10

Suggested study:

Live No Lies "Recognize & Resist the Three Enemies that Sabotage Your Peace" by John Mark Comer (2021)

On-going Practice/Spiritual Disciplines:

1. Evaluate your thoughts, words & actions in light of God's Word. Engage in the battle for your heart, mind, family and our society.
2. Meet weekly with a small group or accountability partner for conversations about life & personal struggles.
3. Examine how you fill your free time (entertainment, music, podcasts & social media). What practices will edify your soul and bring about the character God desires?

Suggested experiences:

- Pursue conversations and experiences with people different than yourself. Bring light to the darkness with compassion, kindness, gentleness, humility & patience (Col. 3:12).
- Consider counseling or joining a support group (i.e. *Help for Hurting Parents* or a 12-step group) to overcome personal struggles or anxiety.
- Determine what role God may be calling you to work for transformation of society through activism, prayer or compassion.
- Examine the curriculum from *Center for Faith, Sexuality & Gender* by Preston Sprinkle, <https://www.centerforfaith.com/> for discussion of the greatest battle for our culture.

Additional resources:

Radical, *Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream* (2010) by David Platt

Money, Sex & Power *The challenge of the disciplined life* (1985) by Richard Foster

Culture Shock "A Biblical Response to Today's Most Divisive Issues" by Chip Ingram (2015)

