

The Christian's enemies can defeat them, not by conquest but by consent

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Edmund Burke, a famous English philosopher said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." Likewise, Paul encouraged believers that "we are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us." Both quotes emphasize that God has already enabled each of us to live as a conqueror in this life through Jesus Christ. In every believer resides the Spirit of the living God who eagerly seeks to counsel us each step of our way. Our greatest threat resides not in the devil's attack but in our own neglect of the gifts and resources Father God has made readily available to us.

Today, take Paul's advice to Timothy and kindle afresh the gift of God in your life, stirring yourself up to do His will. Awaken your soul and spirit to the tremendous benefit God has given you through His Spirit and His Word. God has a great plan for your life. Work with Him to bring it to pass.

Prayer for Today

Father, I thank You for providing me with everything I need to triumph through Christ in this world. Today, I choose to do my part to please and obey You, not giving the enemy any opportunity to defeat me. Help me honor You today in all that I do and say.

Scriptures for Today

2 Corinthians 2:14a Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ. (KJV)

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (KJV)

2 Corinthians 2:11 ... so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes. (NLT)