

VS1 -Victory Series

The time has come that those seeking a life of victory need to have the tools to know how to obtain the victory. The first aspect for recovery from sin is to learn how to think in right lines.

How to Think in Right Lines

We are to *recognize* that the “thorns and thistles” **difficulties and trials** which make man’s life one of toil and care were appointed for his good as part of the training needed in God’s plan for his uplifting. – Steps to Christ 9.3

Then we have a **response** to make:

either a) Am I going to “kick against the goads”, like the apostle Paul when the Lord had to arrest him on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-6).

or

b) Will I **Let** the word of Christ **dwell** in me **richly**?

i.e. Give **Holy Spirit permission** to bring **the mind of Jesus** into you.

When you do, you receive a mind which does not complain.

--The Son of man said, “**I delight to do Thy will**”

**My Father, “for Thy law is
within my heart” (Ps. 40:8)**

--Further, the entire chapter 119 of Psalms testified of Christ’s **experience**. Note a few verses:

Ps. 119:16 - I will delight myself in thy statutes:

I will not forget thy word.

vs. 24 - Thy testimonies also are my delight
and my counselors.

vs. 35 - Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;
for therein do I delight.

vs. 47 - And I will delight myself in thy commandments,
which I have loved.

Jesus is desiring us to enter into **His joy**, and when we put on the **mind of Christ**, **His joy** becomes ours.

Notice this inspired statement:

“In describing to His disciples the office work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus sought to inspire them with the joy and hope that inspired His own heart. He rejoiced because of the abundant help He had provided for His church.” - DA 671.2

This is how we begin to think in right lines. More on this theme in Part 2.