

The Upward Look

The Life That Wins

IS your daily life as a Christian so full of victory over sin that other people, as they come in contact with you, are led to long to enjoy a similar power in their own lives? If not, why not? What kind of a life does God desire and expect us to live? We know that when we accept Christ as our atonement we are saved from the effect of our sins. Do we realize that God offers, also, to guard us from the power of sin? He has said, "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor. 12: 9.) By this we learn that no matter how weak we may be His strength is always sufficient to give us the victory if we will but permit Him to exercise it on our behalf. It is His work, not ours. The weaker we are, if we but recognize our weakness and His strength, the greater will be our victory. When our eyes have been opened to see their great truth we are astonished and delighted to find how full the Scriptures are of God's promises to give us victory over sin in our lives. This does not mean that we may live lives of sinless perfection, for "if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." (1 John 1: 8.) It does mean that when we do recognize our sinful nature and long to Christ for victory He will Himself come and abide within us and give us victory over it. As long as Christ dwells within us our sinful nature is unable to assert itself and is pronounced dead. This is what Paul meant when he said: "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. For sin shall not have dominion over you; for ye are not under law but under grace." (Romans 6: 6, 7 and 14.)

This life of victory is not a permanent possession except as we look to Christ, and moment by moment permit Him to live out His life in us. When we look away from Him our sinful natures assert themselves and we fall into sin. Such experiences, however, are due always to our faithlessness and not to His lack of strength or His willingness to give us the victory.

Some six years ago the editor of the Sunday School Times, of Philadelphia, Mr. C. Gallaudet Trumbull, heard of this life of victory in Christ for the first time, and after earnest seeking was enabled to experience it in his own life. His story of how he discovered it has been told in a little pamphlet under the title, "The Life That Wins," that has proved a means of blessing to thousands, as have also the writings on the same subject that have been appearing of late years in the Sunday School Times. So interesting is this pamphlet we have decided to reproduce it in full in Farm and Dairy. Only a portion of it appears this week. The balance we trust to publish next week. Copies of the pamphlet may be obtained from the Sunday School Times, Philadelphia, for two cents apiece. Mr. Trumbull's statement is as follows:

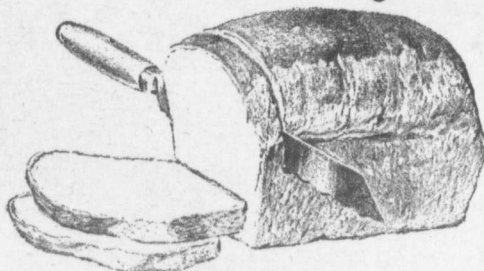
The Life That Wins.

There is only one life that wins; and that is the life of Jesus Christ. Every man may have that life; every man may live that life.

I do not mean that every man may be Christlike; I mean something very much better than that. I do not mean that a man may always have Christ's help; I mean something better than that. I do not mean that a man may

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