Winning the Three Battles of Life Doing What Jesus Did – Part 8

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John 15:19 (ESV) If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

John 15:20 (ESV) Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.

2 Timothy 3:12 (ESV) Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

Proverbs 28:1 (ESV) The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.

1. Understand the reality of ______ opposition

Luke 11:14-15 (ESV) Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,"

Luke 11:17-18 (ESV) But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul.

Luke 11:20 (ESV) But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Luke 11:21-22 (ESV) When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.

Luke 11:24-25 (ESV) "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order.

Luke 11:26 (ESV) Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

2. Expect ______ to oppose you

Luke 11:27-28 (ESV) As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Luke 11:29-30 (ESV) When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.

Luke 11:31-32 (ESV) The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

3. Overcome the enemy _____

Luke 11:33 (ESV) "No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light.

Luke 11:34-35 (ESV) Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness.

Luke 11:36 (ESV) If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light."

Weekly Healing Scripture

Mark 11:24 (ESV) Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Winning the Three Battles of Life Study Guide Doing What Jesus Did – Part 8

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Intro. Why do you think that so many people did not follow Jesus after hearing him and seeing his miracles?

In what ways does the world hate and persecute believers in America today (John 15:19-20)?

If a believer is not experiencing persecution, what does that say about his spiritual life according to 2 Timothy 3:12?

What does being bold as a lion look like today (Proverbs 28:1)?

- 1A. What does Luke 11:14-15 tell us about one of the main sources of physical illness and disability?
- 1B. Why is it imperative that the church recover the ministry of casting out demons (Luke 11:17-18, 20)?
- 1C. What is the spoil that both Satan and Jesus are warring over (Luke 11:21-22)?
- 1D. What does Luke 11:24-26 tell us about the importance of being Spirit filled (Luke 11:13)?

- 1E. Why do you think that churches don't talk about demons much, even though the Gospels are full of stories and teaching about demons?
- 2A. In what ways is the worship of Mary idolatry (Luke 11:27-28)?
- 2B. What were Jesus' reasons for calling the people an evil generation (Luke 11:29-30)?
- 2C. What does the rejection of Jesus tell us about how people will respond to our witness (Luke 11:31-32)?
- 2D. How does it help and encourage you to know that many will reject your witness as they did to Jesus?
- 3A. In what ways does Satan tempt you to hide our light under a basket (Luke 11:33)?
- 3B. Describe how a person's choices make his eye either healthy or bad (Luke 11:34-35).
- 3C. When your eye is focused on Jesus, what impact will that have on your witness (Luke 11:36)?
- 3D. What changes can you make to increase the health of your eye?