



## **Sermon Notes: Winning the Bible Way – Straight Talk**

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### **Straight Talk**

#### **Reference Scripture Genesis 28:10 - 18**

#### **Sick Hearts**

Some people don't believe any more in what God can do. Some people have given up on God's Way of doing things. Due to continued setbacks and defeats. Many believers have become content and have down graded their outlook on life.

#### **Proverbs 13:12**

Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

However, it's God desire that we WIN!

#### **Winning Defined**

God has approved and authorized winning. This is confirmed in 1 Corinthians 15: 57-58.

I define *Winning the Bible Way* as "*the byproduct of receiving the victory Jesus paid for and **executing** the instructional leadings that come from God.*

#### **Straight Talk for Winning**

If we are serious about experiencing the victory that Christ has provided for us. We must become relentless in our quest to be, do, and have what God has declared upon us. In our personal lives, our family, our ministry and in business. We must reach a point where ordinary just will not suffice. We must say in our

heart. Speak to me Lord. I need to hear from you. Give it to me straight. I want a change in my life. I want to win.

I must warn you when you ask for straight talk from God. Be prepared for truth that will challenge you in every area of your life. Be prepared to have your prayer life. The quality and time you spend with the Lord. Your circles of friends. How you handle your money. Your commitment to family. Your commitment to your church. All come under question. And if you are not a Christian. Under the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Receiving Jesus as your Lord and Savior should be your next step.

### **At the Core: Having the Right Goals and Winning the Right Way**

1 Corinthians 9:25 Strive for mastery of an incorruptible crown

Hebrews 12:1-2 Lay aside every weight

### **The Layers of Winning**

Winning like a puzzle. To complete. You must deal with pieces that intersect and connect. So, it is with winning. you must realize the layers of winning.

Understanding how they interact with each other makes the difference between winning or losing. The layers of Winning are:

**Struggle** – The forceful or violent effort to get free, conflict, difficulty, and make a very great effort to do something: an open clash between two opposing persons or group.

**Strategy** – God’s plan of action or policy, promise, purpose designed to achieve a major or overall aim. A general direction God has declared and that encompasses his wisdom, to achieve a desired state in the future.

**Providence** - Timely preparation for future event. The means God uses to work in the world. A manifestation of divine care or direction; an instance of divine intervention. Coincidence, chance, luck, being at right places at the right time. God, or a force that is believed by some people to arrange the things that happen to us.

**Self-Discovery** - Process of learning more about yourself and who you are. Self-discovery begins with discovering who God is.

### **Struggle**

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Struggles are a part of life. Everyone has them. Although some of our struggles are self-inflecting. Struggles are not always a sign or come about because of what you are doing wrong. Some struggles are the result of the enemy trying to stop you. Some struggles are a result of your destiny.

“Success is not measured by what you accomplish, but by the opposition you have encountered, and the courage with which you have maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds.” O.S. Marden

“The truth is, we all face hardships of some kind, and you never know the struggles a person is going through. Behind every smile, there's a story of a personal struggle.” A.C. Moore

### **Self-inflecting**

- Romans 8:17- 32 Love darkness
- James 1:14 Lust and enticed

**Tribulations** John 16:13

**Spiritual Warfare** Ephesians 6:12 We wrestle

**Life** Matthews 7:24-26 – happens to everyone rain, flood, and wind

### **The enemy trying to stop you**

- 2 Corinthians 12:7 **Abundance Knowledge**: Because of what you know
- Luke 22:31 **Desire to sift you**

### **Close relationships**

**Family** Matthews 10:36

And ‘a man’s foes shall be they of his own household.’

**Familiarity** Mark 6:4 New International Version

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.”

**As a result of increase and Prosperity** Mark 10:30

Proverbs 10:22 Trouble free increase cannot be the only way you determine if you are in God’s Will.

Sorry in Proverbs 10:22 refers to worry. See Matthews 6:28.

## **Destiny, Prophecy, and Purpose**

**Destiny:** Genesis 25:21-23 At birth two brothers: Esau and Jacob

Genesis 28:10-11 Jacob fleeing from his brother Esau to Haran

**Purpose:** Jesus at birth Matthew 2:16 (Special Note: it believed that it was Herod was of Esau's race. Herod had the male infants of Bethlehem slain to destroy the Christ Child)

It important that you don't allow the struggles you face to convince you to quit. Struggles are evidence that you are moving in the directions of birthing something of significance. You are headed up stream. You are swimming against the current called struggle. Accept the new script God has for you. Instead of what the struggles are trying to force you to give up or give in to. There is something that needs to live in you and not die. There is something in you, that you must birth. Can you Stand to be blessed? Can you stand to Win?

### **God's Favor**

Like an onion, winning has layers, and when you peel them back, sometimes you cry. However, the very fact that you were not defeated. The fact that you're still standing. The fact that you are a survivor. The fact, that when the smoke cleared. You Win. Let's you know God favors you! Psalm 41:11

**The struggle is real, so is the Victory in Christ that has been given to us.**

People of God don't give up. Stand! **Play until you win...**