

Those of you who facilitate Alcoholics Victorious groups should contact the AV National Headquarters if you are being attacked by the enemy. We are here to serve you in any way that we can, but we can't help you after you shut the door to your group. The enemy will forever try to shut down and destroy the Christian groups. Why is the enemy succeeding? Simply because we allow ourselves to feel we are failures when our group is not what we think it should be. The enemy can be defeated, and human lives can be saved, as long as WE KEEP TRYING.

LOVE
JOY
PEACE
PATIENCE
GENTLENESS
GOODNESS
FAITH
MEEKNESS
SELF-CONTROL

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“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things become new.”

~ 2 Corinthians 5:17

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VICTORY OVER THE ENEMY

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Scriptures for Victory

Revelation 21:7

He that overcometh shall inherit all things;
and I will be his God, and he shall be My son.

Psalms 41:11-12

By this I know that thou favourest me,
because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.
And as for me, Thou upholdest me in mine integrity,
and settest me before Thy face for ever.

Romans 6:4

Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

1 Corinthians 9:24

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? so run, that ye may obtain.

1 Corinthians 15:57

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our LORD Jesus Christ.

1 John 4:4

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

1 John 5:4

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Revelation 19:6-7

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the LORD God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him.

Psalms 46:1

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Isaiah 40:29-31

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

“Where one or two are gathered in my name, there I will be also.”

(A Promise of Jesus Christ, from Matthew 18:20)

When we are called to serve our Lord we are, or will be, subject to trials. It's bound to happen and we must prepare ourselves for this battle with the enemy. There are a lot of support groups to serve a large variety of problems, but only one God that can solve all the varieties of all problems.

As a Christian, we will be tested and we will grow weary under the load, but we must not give up. We are different, and our fellowship may be small, but we don't want to dwell on numbers in regard to success. If we do, we will fall short of our mission. I have to take inventory time and time again as to who is trying to do what, and am I able? In most cases, I'm trying too hard, when the reality of it is; I have no control over what I'm trying to do. I then must ask my Heavenly Father to forgive me for trying to perform His miracles and pray that He will put me back on track in doing what I am capable of doing.

When we are appointed by God to facilitate an AV group, we should form a steering committee and prayer team. These people don't have to be recovering alcoholics or drug addicts to support you in this way. It's good to have a prayer chain and some strong prayer partners to help fight the battle that is before us.

We have seen support groups start from the Al-Anon emphasis, but with Jesus Christ claimed as our higher power. We suggest *“Christians in Recovery Workbook & Meeting Guide”*, *“12-Steps for Christians”* and *“The 12-Steps, a Spiritual Journey”* (all available from: <http://RecoveryBooks.com>). These are workbooks published as tools for the recovering alcoholic. Feel free to use whatever materials that are put together for the spouse or friends of the alcoholic that you feel comfortable with.

We are different from the secular support groups, primarily because we offer a higher quality of recovery from our addictions through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This does not give us the right to run down or criticize these other groups. God is also using them to save lives. I never hesitate to send anyone who feels they are not ready for the Christian views of Alcoholics Victorious to one of these other groups. It's important to understand what their feelings are and be ready and willing to direct them to an organization that will meet their needs.

Granted, Alcoholics Victorious doesn't have what everyone wants, but through our love in actions toward their needs, we are sure to plant a seed that God will cultivate in His time. We are not put on this earth to save the world. Only Jesus can do that. We, however, are put here to plant the seed that God will cultivate to the glory of His Kingdom. Remember always that there are those of us that are ready for solid food of the Holy Spirit and those of us that need to taste only the warm milk of the Holy Spirit at this time in our lives. In other words, show me the way but don't lead me too fast, or you'll lose me.