

## **Keeping Yourself Victorious**

Your eyes and ears are gatekeepers for your brain, your thoughts. Your eyes and ears are doorways through which ideas, desires and thoughts enter your mind. Therefore, as a follower of Jesus, you must watch over your eyes, ears and thoughts. Basically, you are a gatekeeper in charge of what enters your mind and resides in your thoughts and controls your desires.

Your Creator entrusted to you the control of what you think, what you desire and what you pursue. The Lord assigned you the position of guarding your thoughts so they would please him and keep you free from sin. Then, you will live a victorious life free from sin, discouragement and defeat. So, regard yourself as a gatekeeper in charge of your eyes, your ears and your thoughts!

### **Be Faithful to Your Creator**

*“The gatekeepers had been assigned to their positions of trust.”*<sup>1</sup> God loves you and wants to guide and lead your life into the victory that originates in overcoming sin. He entrusts you with the power to faithfully say “No” to sin that attempts to fill your thoughts. On the other hand, he empowers you to say “Yes” to the purity that Scripture describes. Therefore, as gatekeepers of our thoughts we say “No” to thoughts that contradict God and His Word and “Yes” to all that agrees with His Word.

Do you recall Jesus’ temptation? Satan placed sinful thoughts in Jesus’ mind, but Jesus always rebuked him and quoted scripture that defeated every anti-God idea. Matthew chapter 4 describes the mental battle that Jesus fought against Satan’s wicked suggestions. Well, Jesus’ Spirit lives in you. So you can win every mental battle you will ever face! You can keep yourself victorious no matter what comes your way! The Spirit of Jesus in you coupled with the Word of God makes you more than a conqueror!

### **You are in Charge of Keeping Yourself Victorious**

When you became a child of God he appointed you a gatekeeper in charge of your eyes and ears, your thoughts and desires. In fact, God placed you in charge of guarding your eye gates and ear gates and whatever resides in your thoughts and attitudes. Heavenly Father placed in you the power of Jesus’ presence so you can remain in charge of what happens in your mind, your attitudes and your thoughts. 1 Chronicles 9:23 declares that the priests *“we’re in charge of guarding the gates of the house of the Lord.”* So, you are in charge of guarding your eye gates and ear gates.

*“Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God.”<sup>2</sup> You are in charge of guarding your eye and ear gates! Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit and so you are empowered by the Holy Spirit to guard what enters your mind and thoughts. You cannot always prevent ungodly thoughts from entering your mind but you say “no” to these thoughts. Remember that “in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”<sup>3</sup> You are in charge of keeping yourself victorious through the power of the Lord who lives in you!*

## **You are a Winner!**

When you received Jesus as your personal Savior, you became a gatekeeper in charge of whatever enters your eyes and ears and resides in your thoughts. *“The gatekeepers...are entrusted with the responsibility for the rooms and treasuries in the house of the Lord.”<sup>4</sup>*

When you received Jesus as your personal Savior the power of God entered you and bestowed on you Jesus’ ability to defeat impure thoughts, discouragement, attraction to sin and everything else that is ungodly. You are a house of God in which he dwells by his Spirit. You can defeat every thought that is against the Lord and his Word and his will. He empowers you by his Spirit to destroy every ungodly feeling, idea or attraction that touches you.

Yes, we cannot control everything we hear and see, but through the power of the Holy Spirit we can reject all these impure thoughts from residing in us. Jesus’ presence in you equips you with his super human ability to defeat every thought that damages your relationship with the Lord. When God assigns divine responsibility to us, he accompanies the responsibility with divine power to guard the godly life he entrusted to us. Jesus in us is more than a match for all Satan throws in our path. We keep our bodies and our minds sinless through the irresistible power of Jesus who lives in us!

### **Footnotes:**

1. 1 Chronicles 9:22
2. 1 Corinthians 6:19
3. Romans 8:37
4. 1 Chronicles 9:26