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BONUS

7 SECRETS OF VICTORIOUS LIVING

To truly be victorious in life, you must recondition the way you think and act. It's important because the current state of your mind is producing habits which you now hate. You see, your thoughts influence your words, which decide your actions, which create your habits, which form your character, which determine your destiny.

The battle is for the mind! Satan well knows that if he can program your mind with all the filth of this world, then there's no way you can ever win battles against him. *If you can win on the mental battlefield, then **victory is certain.***

Some people keep falling because they're trying to change habits. They see a weak spot in their character and they set out to change it, only to see another problem area pop up and then another until utter frustration takes over. That's putting out fires. That's not getting to the root cause of the problem, the source of the fire.

If the output is bad, don't focus all your energies trying to fix the output. If the results you're getting are not what you expected, don't try harder to improve the end results. If you want to do good but keep doing bad, then *trying* harder would only make it worse, because effort is the reason you cannot do the good you need to do.

There's a popular saying that goes something like "garbage in, garbage out." It is generally used as a negative connotation, and rightly so. However, we can add to this saying and learn a powerful system for overcoming mediocrity in every area of life. How about: "input equals output; what you put in is what you get out; truth in, truth out." You get the point.

Based on this reasoning, if the output you're getting is unacceptable (instead of doing the good you want to do, you end up doing what you hate), then change the input. If your behavior is not commensurate with that of your ideal self, then don't just seek behavior modification, that's not the problem, change the input! *If you really want transformation you must change your information.*

Why do you think a man commits a criminal act? If he is brought to trial, what will the court try to figure out? The lawyer will try to figure out *why* this person did what he did—what was he thinking? Why is this information important? “For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he” (Proverbs 23:7). If he thinks evil in his heart, his words and actions will be evil. He's just acting out what was in his mind already—the motives.

When should he have been arrested for his crime? When was the crime actually committed? Did he commit the crime the moment it was carried out? Certainly not. He committed the crime *before* the physical act took place. He was a criminal *before* he did the criminal act (that could have been a long time or a short time). This is what legal folks call pre-meditated acts. So if he premeditated the crime, then the crime already took place *before* the physical act. It took place in his mind.

That's why Jesus taught this allegory, “There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.” When He entered into the house after being with the people, His disciples asked the meaning of the parable. He said, “Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not

perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from *within, out of the heart (mind) of men*, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man” (Mark 7:15-23).

The same thing applies to you and me. You are not a hypocrite when you do double-faced acts; you were already a hypocrite in your heart or mind. What people see is a mere reflection of what’s taking place in your heart (mind). That’s why the saying, “actions speak louder than words” weighs a ton of truth. Jesus defends this point when He said, “Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her *already* in his heart” (Matthew 5:28).

Let’s see if the Apostle Paul can help you apply this secret to victorious living. Look at Romans 12:1-2: “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

Notice he did not say to be transformed by renewing the flesh or the renewing of your habits. You cannot renew the sinful nature! It must die daily. Crucifixion is the only

suitable way to rid yourself of the sinful nature. But if you desire transformation, it begins with the heart and mind. The battle is in the mind.

Go back to Romans 7 where we studied *The Root Problem of Just "Knowing."* You recall that Paul eloquently described the reason why your habits betray you. It is because sin is still present in your flesh. He paints the struggle between the spirit and the carnal nature, between his mind and his flesh.

Before he cries out bitterly in verse 24, he gives a clue to why he is a captive to the law of sin in his members (habits, actions, body, activities, etc). "But I see another law in my members, *warring against the law of my mind*, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members" (Romans 7:23).

Where is the war taking place? Where is the citadel of the problem? You guessed it, in his mind. After his bitter cry, we find another clue to why he is a captive to the law of sin in his members. "With the mind I myself serve the law of God; *but with the flesh the law of sin*" (Romans 7:25b). The BBE renders it, "So *I am obedient to God's standards with my mind*, but I am obedient to sin's standards with my corrupt nature."

This is a powerful and life-transforming piece of wisdom. Seize it. If you are going to change your lifestyle habits and be free from being a *professing* Christian, you must reprogram your mind. Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind. ... Put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the

image of him that created him: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 4:23; Colossians 3:10; Philippians 2:5).

This cure is an extreme mind make-over to help you have and maintain the mind of Christ. To be transformed means to renovate, change, alter, revamp, and restore your old way of thinking into the way Christ thought.

How to Reprogram Your Mind

First, know that it's not through philosophy or man-made gimmicks. The flesh has failed you too many times. Remember, “The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God...” (2 Corinthians 10:4-5b).

If you want to be more like Christ, you'll need to use the tools He authorizes: namely, His Word. “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:105). “Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth” (Colossians 3:2). Here are seven biblical Keys to renewing your mind.

Key #1: Fill Your Mind with the Knowledge of God

Learn about God—His character, His love, His requirements, and His ways. We often fall short of God's ideal because we don't really *know* Him. Every morning, get into His Word and get the right picture of your heavenly Father. “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth

not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15).

“... Desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness” (Colossians 1:9-11).

Key #2: Meditate Daily on God’s Words

When you read or listen to Scripture, think about it. Ponder what God is saying to you *personally*. How can you apply it? How can you share it? How will you change in light of what you read or heard? “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night...” (Joshua 1:8a).

“But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night” (Psalm 1:2-3). “O how love I thy law! It *is* my meditation all the day. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies *are* my meditation” (Psalm 119:97, 99).

Key #3: Practice the Teachings of God

Daily live out what you learn in Scripture. Practice makes perfect. Could that be the reason you’re still not perfect? God promises to perfect that which concerns you but if you don’t apply His *perfecting* methods, then how can you be perfected? “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse

his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word” (Psalm 119:9).

“... Observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success” (Joshua 1:8). “I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word” (Psalm 119:100-101). “Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you” (Philippians 4:9).

Key #4: Memorize the Word of God

The more you get the Word into your heart and mind, the stronger you will be. The Word is your spiritual food, commit key passages to memory. This was part of King David’s and the Apostle Paul’s battle plan. Start with verses you like, maybe the promises listed in Cure #4. As you get better, try memorizing a chapter, then an entire book. Your mind will never be the same. “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee” (Psalm 119:11). “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you” (1 Corinthians 15:1-2).

Key #5: Speak and Sing the Word of God

“While it is true that words express thoughts, it is also true that thoughts follow words. If we would give more expression to our faith, rejoice more in the blessings that we know we have,—the great mercy and love of God,—we should

have more faith and greater joy” (*The Ministry of Healing*, pp. 252-253).

“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 5:19-20). “God ... calleth those things which be not as though they were” (Romans 4:17).

Key #6: Subject Every Thought to the Word of God

Guard well the avenues to your mind. Every thought that comes to mind should not dwell in the mind nor find expression in words and deeds. Ask yourself, “How does this thought line up with the Word?” “Does this thought fit me as a child of God?” “Would Jesus approve of such a thought?”

Bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5b). Say, “I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love” (Psalm 119:113). “Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established” (Proverbs 16:3).

Key #7: Change the Quality of Your Information

Since negative in equals negative out, then put positive in and you should get positive out. *Think the way you want to be and the day will come when you will be the way you think.* Instead of the junk you’ve been putting into your mind, read, watch, listen, speak, and meditate on “Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any

virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things” (Philippians 4:8).

If you really want transformation, change the quality of your information. “Give diligence to make your calling and election sure: If you do these things, you shall never fall” (2 Peter 1:10).

Apply the Discipline of Action

Discipline has a bad connotation to most people. It sounds big and harsh, but it simply means to exercise control, restraint, and obedience. Mediocre living is a result of an ill-disciplined mind and habits. People cannot or will not restrain themselves from doing harmful things. People are obese and addicted to wrong things generally because they lack self-discipline. They refuse to exercise their will in controlling their appetites and lower passions.

I want to help you *Apply the Discipline of Action*. There's no better time to start than right now. To be disciplined is to do the things you need to do *when* you need to do them. It's truly not as hard as you think. Implement these "Seven Strategic Secrets to Develop Self Discipline," and mediocrity will be a thing of the past.

Strategic Secret 1: Ask God for Power and Wisdom to Be Disciplined

Follow the example of one of my fitness heroes, the late *Jack LaLanne*. Many people know him as the pioneer of fitness gyms in America, host of a 34-year health and fitness TV show, and doing 1,033 push-ups in 23 minutes, and swimming a mile attached to 70 boats filled with 70 people on his 70th birthday. Jack disciplined himself to faithfully rise early in the morning (5:00 am) to exercise for 2½ hours! He did this every day until his death in 2011.

It was not always this way for Jack. He was a sickly skinny kid with pimples and boils but his life changed when he prayed to God for power to overcome his unhealthy lifestyle. Here's the simple prayer he whispered that turned him into a fitness guru, "Please give me the will-power and intestinal fortitude to refrain from eating wrong, lifeless, dead foods when the urge comes over me. God, please give me the strength to exercise when I don't feel like it."

If you want to be disciplined, ask God for power and wisdom. "He giveth power to the faint; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength" (Isaiah 40:29). "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5).

Strategic Secret 2: Exercise Full Control of Your Will

God has already given you self-discipline if you are His child. Exercise it! "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace... self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). Benjamin Disraeli once said, "Nothing can destroy the will of a people." So long as they have the will to fight, nothing can defeat a man or woman who makes up his or her mind to win. *Before* the next temptation comes, *will* yourself to be a conqueror. *Will* your way to victory. Like freedom of choice, you can choose to be disciplined.

God has not given you the spirit of fear; but He has given you the spirit of power, and of love, and of self-discipline (2 Timothy 1:7). Take authority over your desires. Command your mind and body to behave—to do what you know is right and good to do.

Strategic Secret 3: Learn More and You Will Be More

People love to quote Hosea, saying, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” However, in this day and age, people are *not* destroyed for lack of knowledge; they’re destroyed for lack of *doing*—a lack of adequately applying knowledge. After all, Daniel prophesied that in the last days, “knowledge shall be increased” (Daniel 12:4). When Hosea said they were destroyed for lack of knowledge he explains why, “because *thou hast rejected knowledge*, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing *thou hast forgotten the law of thy God*, I will also forget thy children” (Hosea 4:6).

Knowledge is readily available but you must purposely set out to acquire and develop it. To learn more, watch, read, listen, memorize, research, study, and mediate on God’s Word. As you learn more, you’ll be equipped and empowered to do and to be more.

Strategic Secret 4: Just Do It!

You can’t escape this great NIKE® slogan. After you’ve learned, nothing happens until you apply—practice, live out, prove, test, and model your newfound knowledge. All famous athletes spend hours practicing, day in and day out. They develop their skills to the highest degree of perfection. This is what the Apostle Paul meant when he said, “Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, *do*: and the God of peace shall be with you” (Philippians 4:9).

Just Do It is akin to the principle of Sowing and Reaping. The results you get will be proportionate to the effort you put in. “He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly;

and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully” (2 Corinthians 9:6).

This is not righteousness by works, but you have some work to do in overcoming sinful tendencies. You are where you are today because of the accumulated actions and habits you formed over the years. Overcoming will also take a new set of accumulated actions and habits. “Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” (Galatians 6:7-9).

Strategic Secret 5: Teach your Heart and Lips to Praise and Thank God

Jesus made a bold statement that you should consider. “How can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned” (Matthew 12:34-37).

Words are powerful. They can create and destroy at the same time. “Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof” (Proverbs 18:21). “Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be” (James 3:9-10).

You must therefore teach your heart and lips to praise and thank God and to speak holy. Your words have a telling influence on your emotions and decisions. Words decide actions, which form habits, which form character, and which ultimately determine your destiny.

Speak the way you want to be and the day will come when you will be the way you speak. Call those good things which are not yet in your life as though they were (Romans 4:17).

Talk more of joy, optimism, and positive things that you want to experience. Learn to rejoice in all things (Philippians 4:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:16). Impart grace by talking faith and hope. “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers” (Ephesians 4:29).

Strategic Secret 6: Establish a Daily Success Routine

Your success is determined by your daily routine. Tell me what your daily habits are and I can predict the kind of success you are having and will have. God is a God of order (1 Corinthians 14:40) so you should be a person of order and discipline.

Make a schedule that you follow daily. Include: prayer, Bible study, exercise, good nutrition, meaningful service, time for family and friends, rest, and reflection. Do these things, and I guarantee you will develop a habit of doing things you need to do when you need to do them.

“...Study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing” (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12).

Strategic Secret 7: Never, Never, Never Give up

On October 29, 1941, Winston Churchill delivered a profound speech to the boys of Harrow, his old school. I believe it may have been one of most powerful speeches ever given. Churchill’s address contains a powerful message for you. He uttered these famous words on that memorable day, “Never give in. Never give in. Never, never, never, never--in nothing, great or small, large or petty--never give in, except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never yield to force. Never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.”

Churchill gave those boys a simple poignant lesson that if they took it to heart, they could never fail at any good thing in life. You can only be defeated when you choose to be defeated. The righteous may fall down seven times, but he gets back up and keeps moving (Proverbs 24:16). This is the key to living boldly for Christ. No matter how hard it gets, never give in, never give up. Never settle for mediocrity and a few paltry achievements. Never let Satan trample all over you. Keep on keeping on. Press the battle to the gates (Isaiah 28:6). Never, never, *never* give up.

“Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching

forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:12-14).

The message of this book comes with a sense of urgency because we are living in these last days, and perilous times are upon us (2 Timothy 3:1). The lines of demarcation between the righteous and the wicked are becoming increasingly clear.

Are you selfish, greedy, conceited, boastful, proud, insulting, irreverent, disobedient to your parents and others in authority, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderous, lacking self-control, violent, always angry, despising what is good and right, treacherous, reckless, swollen with pride, and loving entertainment more than loving God? (2 Timothy 3:2-4).

Pause here. Be honest with yourself. How many of these traits are still present in your life? Go back through the list and put a check mark against each trait you know you still have present with you.

Don't fool yourself or be fooled by people who only have a form of godliness, who know the religious lingo but are not transformed into Christ's character. Their Christianity is not real. Such people deny the power of God, and the need for them to change. Have nothing to do with such persons, especially if it's yourself—your sinful self (2 Timothy 1:5).

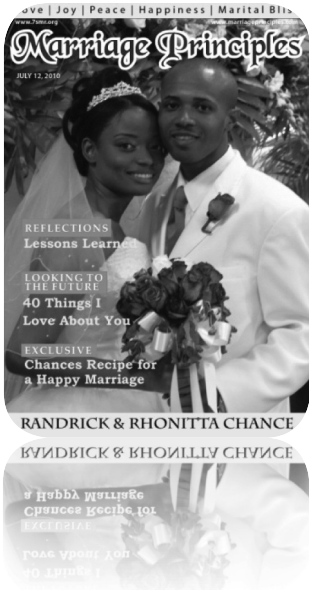
“What is the test of true religion? **Knowing and doing the will of God**, in accordance with every word that proceedeth

out of the mouth of God” (*Manuscript Releases Volume 20 [Nos. 1420-1500]*, p. 68).

If you’ve carefully read this book, you know what a true Christian should be like. If after this spiritual diagnosis you do not resemble Christ, then use the suggestions given in this chapter. Apply any or all these Seven Cures for Mediocre Christianity and you will experience the full power of God in your daily life. Don’t be your old self. Don’t be like those who are “ever learning, and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth” (2 Timothy 3:1-7).

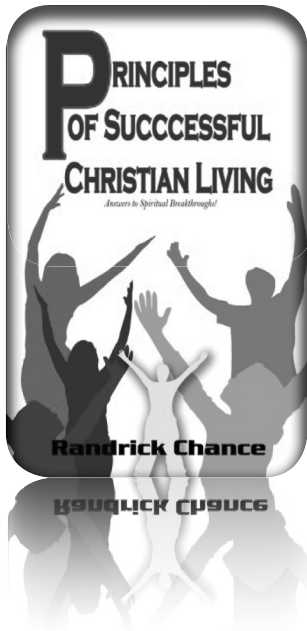
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“Now that you *know* these things,
blessed (happy) are you if you *do* them”
(John 13:17).



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