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FOR DEFEATING TEMPTATION



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FOREWORD

Live A Holy Life

WELCOME to victory in Christ! You are probably asking questions about the title of this book and saying to yourself, “Nobody is perfect.” The title, *God Expects Perfect?*, is taken from Matthew 5:48: “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” The word *perfect* is used in all of the common translations available today. The Greek word is *teleios* and means “complete, mature or full grown, having arrived at an end or objective.” What is that end objective? We believe it is holiness, or maturity in Christ.

I pray that you take the knowledge of God’s Word being presented here and apply it immediately. Dedicate your life, and strive to not fail but to be holy and blameless in His sight. STUDY HIS WORD! Go to church and pray for the believers and for the lost. Each day when you wake up, choose to obey the Lord, and ask Him to show you the way. He will supply all the power and direction you need to be the servant He wants you to be. Live in purity from now on.

I wrote this book to wake you up, so that you would not be deceived. Please do not be deceived any longer. Now is your opportunity to decide. You can live a holy life or keep doing what you have been doing. Ask Jesus what He wants from you, and go into the world and preach the gospel of POWER. The REAL power He gave us is here to show the world. Time is passing by, and more souls are in need of a Savior. Now GO!

God bless you in Jesus’ name,
Randy Hignight, Sr.

Introducing ...

The Need-To-Know Guy

Whenever you see him in this book, **PLEASE PAY ATTENTION!** He will be pointing you to a verse or verses you **NEED TO KNOW** that will direct you to personal **VICTORY** every time!

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PART 1

CHOOSE NOT TO SIN

CHAPTER 1

Urgent Subject Matter

This book is written for the disturbing number of people in the world who say they want to obey God but continue to fail. I believe the Lord's Word will point the person who wants to obey God to the means to success. Please bear with me for a little while.

What if a Christian could be boosted to a stronger stance against the supernatural realm of evil? How compelling would it be for a Christian to have a testimony of truly holy living? That kind of witness would be so evident that no one could deny an extreme difference.

Those who do not understand think I am saying that you cannot sin after you have received Christ as your Savior. This is a misunderstanding of what I am teaching. A Christian certainly can sin, but I urge believers to use every Scripture to learn how to stop temptation before it becomes action.

You have a free choice to stop at temptation by utilizing God's power. It will take commitment and a lot of work to stop at temptation and take captive every thought. Yes, it is hard, but not impossible! Would you be interested in considering a few Scriptures that will help you? Jesus is the Way, and He has the final Word. Are you ready to boost your walk with the Lord?

Up front, please allow me to set the record straight. My understanding of *holy* is "pure, perfect, without sin," not "you are not able to sin." If you decide to take your free choice, you, a believer in Christ, can stop at temptation. It will take a lot of personal effort to recognize and stop before sinning, but it is not impossible!

“For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.” (Ephesians 1:4)

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (Matthew 5:48)

Later, I will share with you three Bible passages that I have re-evaluated. I would like you to see the Scripture usage in what I have come to call “Total Victory Perspective” (TVP). I have searched deeply in the Scriptures and held my ground to serve God in holiness despite demon attacks. Satan may say, “Don’t make the Christian realm simple; people might understand.” But being a Christian *can* be simple. I have withstood some torment over my stand and, with the Lord’s help, emerged victorious.

The Lord settled me and soothed me for a season, and then asked, “Do you trust Me?”

I said, “Yes.”

He said, “Let’s go!”

The Lord took me through a personal five-year training course. He allowed me to hear and feel things from the demonic realm like never before! Maybe some day I will explain more in depth, either in another book or as a guest speaker, what all was allowed into my realm to train me. But the focus of this book is not about me. I want to amplify Jesus. He is the answer for all things!

Since that time, the Lord has enabled me to live in unshakable spiritual warfare against the enemy, understanding all by the power of God’s Word. I would like to condense what I learned to a fast track to holy living for today’s Christian! Perhaps you can be spared some of the hard lessons.

I kept reading the Scriptures and praying continually, “Lord, is it really that simple? This training You gave me is extremely powerful but really simple. Lord, this is Your business. What do You want me to do with this information?”

I heard the Spirit speak, “I will set your appointments.”

A powerful perspective has been revealed to me called:

“Total Victory Perspective To Holy Living”

Are you interested in serving the Lord with all your heart, soul, and strength? Do you desire to please Him by being holy in all your conduct? Then read on!

Jesus paid the price and reversed the curse for those who receive Him by faith! Really, He did! It is finished! God's power is all we ever need to succeed and live a pure life. Your total devotion means asking all things of the Lord, every minute of the day.

I really believe Christians are making it too hard to serve the Lord. It is going to be a slow process to lovingly take the Christian community by the hand and lead it back to the original power.

God is holy, and His mercy endures forever. He sent His Son to pay the penalty for sin, and now it is finished!

God does expect you to be perfect (holy), but God does not expect perfection. "What?" you ask. Perfection would be selfish ambition, which is a sin that was crucified in Christ. Perfection drives you to have things your way. Perfection induces pride and glorifies self. It can even cause you to become contentious in certain situations.

Perfection is about not making mistakes. Holiness is about not committing sins. We need to know the difference between *mistakes* and *sin*. A mistake is leaving a pizza in the oven too long, or sawing a board the wrong length, or cutting a piece of material crooked. Sin has to do with rebellion and willful wrong choices. Do not be a perfectionist (selfish ambition), but be perfect (holy)! Do you see the difference? Perfect, but not perfection!

You Need To Know ...

What God Expects

“But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’ ” (1 Peter 1:15-16)

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (Matthew 5:48)

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