

The Overcomer

By God's grace, the spiritually mature are able to overcome difficult circumstances.

The Heart of the Overcomer (15:5-12) Examples (15:13-17) **Trust the Lord (15:18-19)**

The Overcomer Proverbs 15:5

 ⁵ A fool despises his father's instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is prudent.
⁶ In the house of the righteous there is much treasure,

but trouble befalls the income of the wicked. ⁷The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the hearts of fools.

⁸ The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD,

but the prayer of the upright is acceptable to him.

⁹ The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, but he loves him who pursues righteousness. ¹⁰ There is severe discipline for him who forsakes the way; whoever hates reproof will die. ¹¹ Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the LORD; how much more the hearts of the children of man! ¹² A scoffer does not like to be reproved; he will not go to the wise.

¹³ A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed. ¹⁴ The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly. ¹⁵ All the days of the afflicted are evil, but the cheerful of heart has a continual feast. ¹⁶ Better is a little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble with it. ¹⁷ Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a fattened ox and hatred with it.

¹⁸ A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger quiets contention. ¹⁹ The way of a sluggard is like a hedge of thorns, but the path of the upright is a level highway.

During this time of reflection: What has been your response to difficulty lately? I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:12-13