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#### PROVERBS 28:13

Proverbs 28:13 says, "Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy."

# WALKING IN THE LIGHT AND IN DARKNESS

Many Christians are walking with God with one foot in the kingdom of light and one foot in the kingdom of the devil. Colossians 1:13 says, "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves," Rescue us from the power of

darkness. The domain of darkness!
Brought us into the kingdom of light.
Walking with Jesus in the light! God
commands us to walk in His light which is
the highway of holiness. Isaiah 2:5 says,
'Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk
in the light of

the LORD. The Day of the LORD."
You cannot be a true Christian filled with the Holy Spirit and be walking with the devil and claim to be a son of God. 1 John 1:5 -6 says, "This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have

fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth." If a Christian continues walking with one foot in the Light and one foot in the devil's kingdom he will eventually fall all the way to the world and become a slave to the devil. This a 'Battle behind the scene' that many Christians struggle with today. The story of Samson is a great example in the Bible of a Christian who struggle with this behind the scene battle and played with sin and fell and great was his fall. He became a slave of the devil because God left him. Judges 16:20 says, "Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had left him."

## DECLARING VICTORY BUT A SLAVE TO HIDDEN SIN

Many Christians claim to be living in victory with God but because they surrender to their sinful nature they become slaves to secret sin or hidden sin. This is their 'behind the scene battle' waging war by works against the sinful nature. Living in defeat but claiming to live in victory. Romans 6:6 says, "For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin —&quote; Jesus gave us that Victory at the cross. Many of us do not know or understand what Jesus did for us at the Cross. At the cross He died for our sins but Jesus also killed the sinful nature when He died on that Cross.

Galatians 2:20 says, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Jesus paid the full price for us to serve Him and walk with Him in victory by killing your sinful nature on the cross. Romans 6:6 says, "For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin —&quote; We crucify the sinful nature by faith in what Jesus did at the CROSS! Our obedience to God and His word and faith in what Jesus did for us at the cross will give us the victory in our daily battles.

#### SECRET BATTLES AN DEFEATS



Many Christians try to fight their secret sins or bad habits with the power of their flesh and are defeated by the devil. Only you and God know about this battle.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 says, "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to

make it obedient to Christ." The devil has been defeating thousands of Christians daily because they are trying to destroy by works a secret sin or bad habit. They claim they put to death the sinful nature by faith but their 'Behind the scene battle' is that

they are doing it by works and not faith in the cross. How is he doing it? The devil is lying to them that they can have victory by their own strength. Not trusting in the power of God or prayer. We must understand that our fight is a spiritual fight. "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds...." Only the Holy Spirit can change you and defeat the powers of hell. When the Christian soldier fights the devil with his own strength, he will be defeated. Why? Because you are fighting a fallen angel that is a spirit being and has limited supernatural powers. When you go to your prayer closet and spend quality time with God, He will change you there. Psalms 97:5 says, "The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth." Those mountains that melt like wax are your secret sins and bad habits or flaws that are remove by God in your prayer closet. So, pray!

## THE CURE FOR THOSE BEHIND THE SCENE BATTLES



A total surrendered heart to God. Give Jesus all of your heart. Mark 12:30 says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' Go to God and confess your sins to Him and tell him about those secret sins and bad habits and ask Him to help you. Go back to your First Love and then the healing for your soul will begin. Only the power of the Holy Spirit can heal and restore you. Psalms 23:3 says, "He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of Righteousness for His name's sake." Jesus will restore us again and light the fire in our hearts again. It is not by works or by the power of self that we are going to have victory over secret sins or bad habits. We need the anointing of the Holy Ghost to defeat the devil. When we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength we will be able to defeat satan. The Holy Spirit will flow through you and give you victory. Allow the rivers of life to flow from within for your victory. John 7:38 – "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." When a Christian gives all his heart to God, he will obey, practice the Word, pray, walk

in the Light, have the conviction of the Holy Spirit upon his life and the Holy Ghost will give you the power to walk a Victorious Christian life. Start walking in the highway of holiness and no more on the devil's highway. Matthew 7:13-14 says, "The Narrow and Wide Gates "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." The highway of the devil will lead you to destruction. The highway of God will lead vou to life and eternal life. A true Christian walks the walk with his God like Moses, Noah and Jesus.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

GOD WANTS EVERY CHRISTIAN TO HAVE VICTORY IN THE BEHIND THE SCENE BATTLES. (Where no one is looking but God and the devil) Walk in the Light and stay in the Light. Walk in victory and don't be a slave to the sinful nature anymore. A praying heart will give you the victory when you fight those personal battles with devil or your sinful nature. 4. Stay in love with Jesus and God will give you success and victory in your daily walk.