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Scripture Text: First John 5:1-5 NLT

Subject: "The Need For Victory In The Church"

Introduction: In Paul's second letter to his young son in the ministry, Timothy, the great apostle to the Gentiles charges him to: "preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine."

Paul tells Timothy: "there will come a time when men will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts, shall they heap t themselves teachers, having itching ears. A time when men shall turn their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

I dare say this morning that we might very well be living in these times now!

Statics overwhelmingly show that in this twenty-first century Christendom we are faced with apostacy – meaning a great falling away from the faith.

The body of Christ, the church, has somehow – someway allowed itself to become ineffective for the Master.

Semon Points

Major Moment: By faith the principle of victory resides in everyone born of God.

- **The Aggressiveness Of Satan**
 - Matthew 4:4
 - John 8:44a
 - First John 3:8
 - First Peter 5:8
- **The Prevailing Attitude Of Indifference**
 - Revelation 3:14-16
 - First Corinthians 1:18 & 21
 - First Peter 2:9
 - First Kings 18:21
- **The Alarming Degree Of Fruitlessness**
 - John 15:8
 - Second Corinthians 5:20

Summary Verse: "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

First Corinthians 15:57