

Attitudes for Victory

Overview: What is it that sets a superconqueror above the rest? It is their attitude! They know who they are in Christ, they know the promises of the Word and they are going after it with all they have. These two basic attitudes of fleeing sin and pursuing righteousness are keys to victorious living.

A. Fleeing and Pursuing – Two Attitudes, But One Action.

Flee pheugō Apparently a primary verb; to *run away* (literally or figuratively); by implication to *shun*; by analogy to *vanish*: - escape, flee (away).

Flee – Present active indicative – continue to flee, flee and keep fleeing.

Follow diōkō a prolonged (and causative) form of a primary verb διώ diō (to *flee*; compare the base of [G1169](#) and [G1249](#)); to *pursue* (literally or figuratively); by implication to *persecute*: - ensue, follow (after), given to, (suffer) persecute (-ion), press toward.

Follow – Present active imperative – pursuing, as in a race – with persistence and intensity.

2 Tim 2:22 **Flee** also youthful lusts: but **follow** righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

1 Tim 6:10-11 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, **flee** these things; and **follow after** righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

1Pe 3:11 Let him **eschew** evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and **ensue it**.

Rom 12:9 Let love be without dissimulation. **Abhor** that which is evil; **cleave** to that which is good.

B. Flee

1. What to Flee:
 - a. Flee youthful lusts. 1 Tim 2:22
 - b. Flee fornication. 1 Cor 6:18
 - c. Flee idolatry. 1 Cor 10:13-14
 - d. Flee the love of money. 1 Tim 6:10-11
 - e. Flee from the strangers with strange voices. John 10:5-10
 - f. Flee from the works of the flesh. Gal 5:16-18
2. Attitudes for Fleeing:
 - a. Hate sin. Ps 101:2-3; Prov 8:13; Rom 13:12
 - b. Hate evil. Ps 97:10; Amos 5:15; 1 Pet 3:11
 - c. Hate unrighteousness. Rom 6:11-13
 - d. Develop the fear of the Lord. Prov 9:10
 - e. Desire righteousness. Matt 5:6; Matt 6:33
 - f. Desire purity. James 3:17; 1 John 3:3
 - g. Desire goodness. Rom 15:14; Eph 5:9
3. How to Flee:
 - a. God has provided a way of escape. 1 Cor 10:13
 - b. Resist the devil. James 4:7
 - c. Give no opportunity for the flesh. Rom 13:14
 - d. Words
 - e. Actions

C. Follow After - Pursue

1. What to Pursue:
 - a. Follow those things which make for peace and edify others. Rom 14:19; 1 Pet 3:11
 - b. Follow after love 1 Cor 14:1; 1 Tim 6:11
 - c. Follow after the high calling of God in Christ. Phil 3:12-14
 - d. Follow after righteousness. 1 Tim 6:11; 2 Tim 2:22
 - e. Follow after godliness. 1 Tim 6:11
 - f. Follow after faith. 1 Tim 6:11; 2 Tim 2:22
 - g. Follow after patience. 1 Tim 6:11
 - h. Follow after meekness. 1 Tim 6:11
2. Attitudes of Pursuing
 - a. Ardent zeal and intense effort. Matt 11:12 AMPC
 - b. Diligently seek Him. Heb 11:6
 - c. Focus on the present, forget the past and consecrate the future. Matt 6:34
 - d. Seek first the kingdom of God. Matt 6:33
3. How to Pursue:
 - a. Submit to God. James 4:7
 - b. Pursue with other pursuers. 2 Tim 2:22
 - c. Set your mind on things above. Col 3:1-3
 - d. Live in the Kingdom of God. Rom 14:17
 - e. Words.
 - f. Actions.