

Winning through Ardent Zeal

Overview: Jesus said, “I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.” (Message). He also said that the thief comes to kill, steal and destroy. Jn 10:10 KJV

A. Conqueror

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

No man that wars entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. 2 Tim 2:3-4

Whatever is born of God overcomes the world.	1 John 5:4
You are more than a conqueror (super-conqueror).	Rom 8:37
You can do all things through Christ Jesus.	Phil 4:13
With God’s help, you can do anything.	Mark 10:27

Quotation: You have nothing to fear but fear itself - Franklin D Roosevelt

B. Success

And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize—a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with **most ardent zeal and intense exertion**]. Mat 11:12 Amplified

Poem by Walter D. Wintle

If you think you are beaten, you are.	Pro 23:7 as you think in your heart so are you.
If you think that you dare not, you don’t.	
If you’d like to win, but think that you can’t, it’s almost a cinch you won’t.	Mt 9:29 according to your faith be it done unto you.
If you think you’ll lose, you’re lost.	Luk 8:50 fear not, only believe.
For out in the world, we find SUCCESS begins with a person’s will.	James 5:16b The effective fervent prayer of a righteous ...
It’s all in the state of the mind.	Heb 6:12 With faith and patience you win.
Life’s battles don’t always go to the stronger or faster one;	Phil 4:13 I can do all things thru Christ Jesus.
But sooner or later, the one who wins is the one who thinks, “I can.”	

Quotation: When you chase perfection, you catch excellence – Vince Lombardi

Example: George Hearst on mines: MO – lead mines (1840s), Comstock (NV – silver, 1859), Homestake (SD – gold, 1877), Anaconda (MT – copper, 1881).

C. Winners

If you have a **fervent burning** desire and, when you pray, you believe that you have already received it, then you will have it. Mark 11:24 (different translations).

Poem by unknown author

Winners take chances.

Like everyone else, they fear failing
but they refuse to let fear control them.

Winners don't give up.

When life gets rough, they hang in
until the going gets better.

Winners are flexible.

They realize that there is more than one way (*to their goals*)
and are willing to try others.

Winners know that they are not perfect.

They respect their weaknesses
while making the most of their strengths.

Winners fall but they don't stay down.

They stubbornly refuse to let a fall
keep them from climbing ...

2 Cor 5:7 We walk by faith

2 Tim 1:7 No spirit of fear but power

Matt 11:12 Seek with most ardent
zeal and intense effort

Pro 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord ...

He will direct your paths.

Phil 3:13 Forgetting those things which
are behind, I press toward
the mark for the prize ...

1 Cor 6:11 You are washed and sanctified

2 Cor 12:9-10 Due to grace, my strength
is made perfect in weakness

Pro 24:16 A just man falls but rises

Ps 37:24 for the Lord upholds him

2 Pet 2:9 the Lord knows how to deliver

Quotation: Failing to prepare is preparing to fail – John Wooden

Example: Madame Curie and the discovery of radium and polonium.

She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, the only woman to win in two fields, and the only person to win in multiple sciences. She was also the first female professor at the University of Paris (La Sorbonne).

D. Persistence

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye **continue in my word**, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:31-32

Poem by Calvin Coolidge

(*In seeking success,*)

Nothing in the world can take the place
of persistence

Talent will not; nothing is more common than
unsuccessful men with great talent.

Genius will not; unrewarded genius
is almost a proverb.

Education will not; the world is full
of educated derelicts.

Persistence, determination alone are omnipotent
(*in achieving your destiny*).

Heb 6:12 Faith with patience

Mt 19:24 ... for a rich man to enter
into the Kingdom of God

Pro 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the
beginning of wisdom

Pro 15:2 The tongue of the wise uses
knowledge aright.

Heb 11:6 God rewards those who
diligently seek Him.

Quotation: This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. – The Almighty God.