

## Questions from Christians

### **1. How should we spend our lives so they become victorious lives in Christ?**

The Bible says that "Faith is the victory," and "Everything that is not of faith is sin." (1 John 5:4, Romans 14:23) Of course, faith is essential! Also, the armor of God is available to us. (Ephesians 6:10~18) As a bit of easy-to-understand, practical advice, it's wise to not go where you'll be tempted. God has promised that we will never be tempted beyond our ability to resist. (1 Corinthians 10:13). However, if you know, "If I go there, I'll be tempted to do things I shouldn't," don't go! A lot of specifics about the victorious life of faith are found in Ephesians 4:17~ 5:21.

### **2. How can we have victory over sin?**

Please see the answer above. Then, we must not forget 1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

### **3. What is the goal of our Christian lives?**

Goals can be thought of from a number of angles. Ultimately, our goal is to stand before the throne of God and hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." However, there are times when that seems far removed from our daily lives. An old, traditional confession of faith says, "To love God and enjoy Him forever." Put simply, you could say that our goal is to become like Jesus, bearing the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22, 23) and abiding in Christ. (John 15:4) Let's aim for the goal! (Philippians 3:12~14)

### **4. When hearing from God, which takes precedence: what we receive from the Holy Spirit, or what we receive from the Bible?**

We must not forget that the Holy Spirit is the Author of the Bible. He will not say anything that contradicts the Bible. Evil spirits whisper in our ears as well. When we are familiar with the voice of the Holy Spirit, lying spirits are easy to spot, but becoming over-confident or complacent is dangerous. The way to become familiar with the voice of the Holy Spirit is to read the Bible. The Bible doesn't mention many of the specifics of modern life, but the principles, the fundamental rules, are unchanged, so if we are thoroughly familiar with the Bible it will be easy to understand the guidance for today.