

# Attitude of a Winner: I am a Champion for Jesus!

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” (Romans 8:37 NKJV)



God's Champion

## What are the three key ingredients to the heart of a winner?

### The Three Key Ingredients of a Winner's Heart

#### 1. A Heart of Order



(Jeremiah 24:7 NKJV) “Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.”

(Acts 13:21-22 NKJV) “And afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. {22} And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’”

David made good decisions as to how he gave his heart away. His first priority was always to give his heart to God. God calls us to give our hearts to Him and then give Him to others from within our hearts. We make a mistake when we give ourselves to someone without first giving ourselves to Jesus and then Jesus to that person.

#### 2. An Understanding Heart



**Read 1 Kings 2:1-4. Then read 1 Kings 3:5-28. After you have done so, look again closely at the following verses.**

(1 Kings 3:5-14 NKJV) “At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask! What shall I give you?” {6} And Solomon said: “You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, **because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You;** You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. {7} Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. {8} And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. {9} **Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to**



King Solomon



## 2. Champions are willing to do things they hate to create things they love.

Everything worth having is worth pursuing, even when you know it will not be pleasant. It is worth doing the right things, the hard things or the unpleasant things to get the great, rewarding results.

## 3. Champions pursue completion, but not necessarily perfection.

God always loves you just the way you are. He never judges you for your mistakes or thinks of you as anything less than great in His eyes. After all, He created you to be uniquely who you are! Do not worry so much about doing everything perfectly. Be more concerned to do the best you can and finish what you start.

**Do your best and trust God for the rest!**

## 4. Everyone stumbles, but champions get back up!

- a. Champions refuse to accept defeat as long as God is in it.
- b. Champions refuse to set their own time-tables. They let God play out the plan.
- c. In times of weakness, Champions pull themselves up in His strength.
- d. In times when champions lack what they need, Champions feast on His Word and drink of His faithfulness.
- e. In times of sorrow, Champions turn to His presence and rest in His arms.
- f. When champions start feeling sorry for themselves, they just stop!
- g. When champions feel like disobeying the people who have authority over them, they reject their feelings and do the right thing.

## 5. Champions know they do not decide their futures. They decide their habits and their habits decide their futures!

- a. Champions are well able to look at themselves honestly and objectively. They willingly see their flaws and quickly make adjustments.
- b. **Champions are habit-forming people. They form good habits and get rid of bad ones!** They are habitual in the Christ-like testimony of their lives. They do their best to look like, act like, think like and talk like Jesus!

## 6. Champions position themselves for blessings.

- a. **God does not send the blessings to you. He sends your blessings to where you are supposed to be.**
- b. Champions seek the voice of God, so they will know the will of God, so they can find the blessings of God.

## 7. Champions defend their ground.

- a. Unless Satan is on the attack, unless some things seem to be dissatisfying and even beyond your reach, you are not functioning as a champion. The devil is not interested in toppling losers. They are already at the bottom. He wants to knock you off the high ground. You are a winner and a champion. You have the high ground and if you do the right things, you can look down at your problems and walk in your successes. Learn to think like a champion who already walks in victory.

