

10 Keys to Change You from a Victim to a Victor

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Nathaniel Bronner Jr.: Welcome to Brothers of the Word, because brother you need the word. And I want you to say this means today because today, I am going to be speaking from the subject of 10 keys to change you from a victim to a victor. 10 keys to change you from being a victim into being a victor.

Now let me tell you first of all that you are going to need to hear this message more than one time. It is not going to sink in on the first time, you need to listen at least three times, and I hear you saying, "Well Preacher, how am I going to listen three times? Do I need to call up and order a tape from you?" No, you do not have to do that. All you have to do is go to the OnlineWord.com, listen to sermon number 5217. You will be able to hear it at the OnlineWord.com. It will not cost you a dime but it will change your life. But I tell you in advance, you must hear this complete message more than one time. You have to hear it at least three times for it to sink into your spirit.

But, if you are tired of being a victim and if you need to become a victor, then I am going to admonish you to listen to this message at least three times, and some things will change within your spirit and when it changes within your spirit, it will change within your world.

We will be studying today from the book of Romans, the eighth chapter. And I am going to read the 28th through the 39th verse. I will be reading in the New Living Translation so that it is clear. Romans Chapter 8 Verses 29 through 39.

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them. For God knew His people in advance and He chose them to become like His Son, so that His Son would be the firstborn with many brothers and sisters. And having chosen them, He called them to come to Him and He gave them right standing with Himself and He promised them His glory."

What can we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since God did not spare even His own Son but gave Him up for us all, would not God who gave us Christ also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for His own? Will God? No. He is the one who has given us right standing with Himself.

Who, then, will condemn us? Will Christ Jesus? No. For He is the one who died for us and was raised to life for us and is sitting at the place of highest honor next to God pleading for us.

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean He no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity or are persecuted or are hungry or are cold or in danger or threatened with death?

Even the Scriptures say “For your sake, we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.”

No. Despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death cannot and life cannot. The angels cannot and the demons cannot.

Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow and even the powers of hell cannot keep God’s love away. Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

May the Lord had the blessing to the reading and hearing of His Holy Word.

And in these set of Scriptures, Romans 8:37 said, “No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”

10 keys to change you from a victim to a victor. Are you more than a conqueror or are you conquered?

Turn to the person sitting next to you and ask him “Are you more than a conqueror?” “Are you a victim or a victor?” ask him the question. “Are you a victim or a victor?”

People, we got to change from being victims and we need to learn how to be more than conquerors.

I never will forget a story that I read years ago. And there was a disciple who was studying under a master and somehow, the disciple got kidnapped by this land owner who put him on his plantation, enslaved him and made him work and sent him through all kind of hard and brutal conditions. And one day, the man saw a little break in the fence and he was able to slip away and escape and he was able to finally get back to his master. And when he got back to his master, the master asked him where have you been all this time. And he told him he had gotten kidnapped and he told him what he had been through and how brutal and how harsh his master was and how the land owner had just misused him and mistreated him. The master of the disciple sat there and he looked at the disciple and just smiled and said “Oh, my son. You have been greatly blessed for you have had the good fortune to encounter a petty talent.”

And he said, “What? All this mess I have gone through and all this turmoil and all this hell this man had put me through and you are telling me I have had the good things?” “Oh yes. It is nothing better to train you.” He said, “But the only problem

is you have been there as a victim and I got to train you to how to handle him as a victor.”

And he began again instructing the disciple and sent him back. And he went back and he was able to transform the mean land owner because he came back as the same man in the same body but with a different knowledge and spirit. He came back not as a victim but as a victor. So I ask you, are you a victim or are you a victor?

It is too many of us that are victims because we do not have the knowledge of how to become a victor. These 10 things that will teach you, you can heed them. And like I said, you first of all will have to listen to this more than one time. Go to the OnlineWord.com, sermon number 5217, listen to this thing in its entirety at least three times to let it sink into your spirit.

Number one, a victim sees things as permanent; a victor sees them as temporary. Have you ever heard of someone talking about, you know, “I am just in a mess and I have always been in mess and I am always going to be in a mess.”

Victims will see things as permanent. A victor sees it as temporary. And see, this also even applies to some of our good material stuff. I learned long ago and as God began to deal with me more and more and as my spiritual level starts to rise, I then began to see and I would look around and see lot of the things that I had accomplished and a lot of the stuff that I own. And all that stuff will start to look real temporary.

I knew and I could tell, I mean even my body; I take good care of it. It is in good shape. Now, I stood up and looked at myself in the mirror this morning and, I mean my muscles are in good shape. I got a six pack in my stomach; I am in real good shape. But I went to visit my grandmother yesterday. My grandmom is 95 years old and grandmom has had good health for virtually all of her life. Only the last two or three years has she really had began to go through some health challenges. And as I helped to pick my grandmother up and put my grandmother in the wheelchair, I looked at her skin and I could see all of the veins running through and I could see what 95 years will do to any human body, and I do not care how fine you are right now. I do not care how many muscles you have right now, sooner or later people this body is temporary and that sooner comes faster than we think.

Twenty years goes by in a flash, I could remember when I was just graduating from college (inaudible) is not as long as you think. A victor will understand that all things, good or bad are temporary and a victor will focus not on the temporary things but on the permanent things.

You see, I am focus more than now and I am more concerned about the things that will outlive me. I am more concerned about putting my treasure in Heaven than in the bank. Because I know the stuff in the bank is temporary, and I know when I leave this body, no matter how much I have amassed, I am going to leave every bit of it. A victim views stuff as permanent but a victor views it as temporary.

Number two, a victim sees the lashing, a victor sees the lesson. Like, will beat you people, it will slap you side the head, it will hammer you, it will spit you, stab you, prick you everything.

You see, a victim always sees and focuses on the lashing. A victor will see the lesson. You see people, we all get lashes, we all get strife, we all get beat but if you can not see the lesson and why you are getting the lashes, you keep on getting the lash.

So, the victim always focuses on why is this happening to me. Look what is happening to me; I am having this, I am having—a victim will say my boss is always getting on my neck. Why your boss is always getting on your neck?

If you focus on the lesson, there is a lesson to be learned in every trial and tribulation that we go through, and all you do is focus on the pain. If all you do is focus on the lashes and you never focus on the lesson of the faith, there is a lesson

Even if you stop your toe, there is a lesson; number one, to watch where you are going; number two, whatever was in the way that you stop your toe on move it out of the way. There is a lesson but, if you do not learn the lesson, you keep bashing your toes and what you find to victims, they are constantly focusing on the lashes and they never learn the lesson and the lesson that you never learn, you are automatically condemned to continue live with it.

Focus on the lesson and there is a lesson in everything, the wise of you get the better, you will be able to see the lesson. Nothing happens by accident.

Every situation that I am involved, if I can get the details good enough, I can point that reason out virtually. Every task, nothing happens by accident. Understand the lesson and you will be on your way to becoming a victor.

Number three, a victim talks about the problem; a victor talks about the plan. You can basically tell where someone is going by listening just to have a talk. If you are always talking about the problem, with never about the plan, you will never change the problem. Stop focusing so much on the problem and develop a plan.

Well, you know that the price of gas is just sky high. That is the problem. Now, where is your plan? I know the price of gas is sky high and I can talk about the

price of gas till I am blue in the face and it is not going to raise—you know, it is measured in terms of a penny.

If I sit here and preach the two-hour sermon on the half price of gas, how many tens of a penny will that lower the price of that gas? Not even a tenth of a penny but if I focus on a plan, the price of gas is high, therefore, I have to increase my money to be able to buy more gas and to be able to put.

So I have to be in a work on a plan, everyone has a problem but only a few people have a plan. So, if you can get your plan against a victim always dealing with the problem.

You know, I got too much weight on me, I am too heavy, and I need to loose some weight. That is the problem; yes, you need to loose some weight that is the problem. What is the plan? And if you do not have a plan not only will you keep the problem, the problem will get worst because all you do is sit there, saying Lord have mercy. I got a problem, I need to loose some, I do not know what Lord.

Look, you need a plan. I need to get out and get to running, I got to walk a feet. If you start moving with your plan and you get with the plan, then you will start to take care of your problem but too often, all victims, all they will do is talk about the problem and they never—see I have loss about a pound just doing a lift, and they never deal with the plans.

You have to have a plan to deal with the problem, very well if they will just take care of themselves.

Number 4, a victim curse themselves; a victor calls themselves. They get in the same circumstances. My father was an extremely successful businessman but he had his ups and downs. Anyone in the business will go through ups and downs. My father would say this of often, he said, “I have been broke many times but, I have never been poor”. He says the call being broke is a temporary situation, being poor is a permanent state of mind, because. I have been broke plenty of times but I have never been poor. My daddy says “look, life has beat me, life is slap, life is tab, life is stolen for me, I have gone through (inaudible) and many times I have been down but I have always, always been a victor, never a victim.

So, it is base on how you call yourself and when you start calling yourself a victim the universe will line up to treat you just like you call yourself.

Martin Luther King perhaps pulls it best when he put it this way. He said, “It does not matter what the world called you, what it matters what you answer to them”, and if the world call you ugly, say I am pretty.

You do not see, and you know a lot of times that the thing is not how you look, it is how you carry yourself. And see when you believe and you start calling yourself that you are pretty and that you are good looking, that thing will vibrate.

Especially women are sensitive to this. Woman was said by another woman, you know she thinks, she is all right, yes she does. She carry herself that way, she wear the hat like she think that she is all that. She walks like she thinks she is all that and you know what? Man will see the woman and the man will say (hmmm). And see, she may have the same thing another woman has. She may have big hips and a big behind, but it is something about the way she carries it, something about the way she switches it and then she will start to think all that, and when she switches it and when she have the vibration that this is what is something about, the man will see it and when she switch it (hmmm) and she will get it because she has said within her spirit. I am not a victim, I am a victor and because she call herself that yes, she thinks she is all that and about to switch and it shows.

What do you call yourself, victim or victor?

Fifth thing, a victim often sees that they are alone, a victor knows that they are not. And this is one of the keys people of life, sometimes, even though the closest around you will not support you, will criticize you, will do things that will stab you in the back and sometimes it will feel as if no one to lean on, no one to depend on, you cannot see anyone in your corner in natural eyes, but a victor knows and a victor understands, that no matter—

You remember how it happened with the life of a victor and there was his disciple and they were surrounded with all this army, and says the man, “We are about to be slaughtered here, we are about to become victims here”, God said, “No, we are not, we are victor”. You just cannot see that we are not alone. Let me open your eyes man and when he opens his eyes, he saw a whole host.

See, one thing about I know that I am not alone. Anywhere that I go, I know I got a host of angels; I used to have two, now, I have got more than that. I used to have these two. I know that I am not alone. I know that I am protected. I know that God watches over me and no matter what happen I know that I am not alone.

People, do you know you feel better if you are just not alone. I mean, if you are in a house all alone and the floor starts squeaking, you know even if you just have a two year old child with you, you feel better? You know what I am saying, but just to have someone to hold on, you will say “woo, I wonder what that is?” Just to have someone to hold on to gives you a relief and it gives a comfort.

People there is no one better to hold on to than God. If you know that God is with you, when you know that God is with you it makes a difference. I would say and I affirm to believe just like Jeremiah 29:11 who says, “For I know the plans I have for

you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

That is what I know. So, I know if God has plans for me and I know if He has plans to give me a hope in the future, I am never alone. No matter what external circumstances may look like.

Number six, a victim is under the circumstances, a victor sees around the circumstances.

You have not heard someone says they asked him how they are they doing and he said I am doing all right. You know, under the circumstances and what under the circumstances simply means, it means that what if the circumstances, if you break down the word, circum means around and stance means basically where you stand. Circumstances is simply the stuff around where you are standing and victims, they are in so much in their life and their joy and their spirit is determined by what is around them by the circumstances, whereas, a victor is independent. Victor has joy no matter what.

You know the song that goes the world did not give me this joy and the world cannot take it away. A victor has joy when he has plenty of money in the bank, has joy when he cannot figure out how he has going to pay the rent next month, did you understand that?

A victor has joy when his wife is praising him. A victor has joy when his wife is telling him your (inaudible) rafted in. You think that is fresh of him. A victor has joy regardless of what is around, because of joy. A victor understands that the kingdom of heaven is within.

A victim thinks that the kingdom of heaven is without and it depends upon all of the stuff that is around him or her and whenever that happens, people stop, changes and stuff will come in way, it will be good one moment, it will be best and next, it will be tight one minute and loose the next, it will be flowing one minute and dried up the next, all of the stuff around you is constantly changing and you will be a victim whenever you are dependent upon the stuff that is around you. A victim walks subject on of the stuff. A victor walks in confidence not concerned about what happened externally that will affect their spirit.

Number 7, is that a victim is blown with the wind, a victor sets his own sail. Victims are often swept with what is popular which is the wind, and let me explain to you people, you will never get to victory following the crowd. You will never get the victory following the crowd. The crowd has always been and will always be by the word of God in bad shape. Crowd is always been in bad shape. The crowd will

always be in bad shape. The crowd has never had joy, the crowd has never had through prosperity, and the crowd has never had through peace.

So, people if you go and see the wind blows the crowd and if you follow the wind. If you follow the crowd, you want to go where the crowd is going?

I have never wanted to be a crowd follower because I just do not want where the crowd is. So, if you want to be a victor, you cannot follow the crowd in any area of life. You are going to have to set your own sail and one thing that sailing will teach you, a proper sailor can defy the laws of nature and sail straight into the wind and then what you have to do, you have to do what you call check. You cannot just sail straight into the wind, you have to go to 45-degree angle so you go here and zigzag, you have to zigzag so, sometimes people the world can teach with so much stuff.

You cannot go straight at it but you can go around, you can still get to the goal you can go against the wind, which means, you have to go against the trend.

A victor sets his own sail. I am out of time, for those of you watching by televisions but you can go to TheOnlineWord.com, listen to sermon number 5217 and you will hear the rest of this keys that I am telling about how not to be a victim and how to be a victor.

You know some people who are victims in life. You can send them the sermon, just go to the online word, click send to friend, enter their email address and you can send this sermon to him at absolutely at no cost. Also, do not forget to go to VirtualChurch.com to see what God has to say to you today. We thank you for joining us here at Brothers of the Word, because brother you need the word.

And, the final three keys.

Number eight, a victim sees the negative, a victor sees the positive. You see, life and matter, when you understand physics. It is made up of negative and positive, you cannot have anything existing in the physical world without negative and positive. You must have neutrons, electrons. You cannot have matter without having negative and positive. You cannot have electricity without negative and positive. You would not be able to even hear my voice for those listening over the internet. You cannot hear my voice without negative and positive.

You would not be able to see shapes and colors without there being light and dark. All matter is based on opposite and contrast.

A victim focuses on the negative, a victor on the positive. You will not find victor watching the news to negative, they understand. I am not going to pump all this mess into my system. They know, because they are sensitive. They understand

that if you want to be a victor, you cannot and you know a lot of people, they think you are crazy if you do not watch the news. They are following the wind that is being blown with trends that is following the crowd.

If it is the 30-minute news program, 28 minutes of it is absolutely negative. They will go and they will find the most horrendous, the rough of the stuff as big as it can be on the news. They will find the most gruesome, the most horrible, the most horrific things on earth and distill them on the 30 minute and dump them all into your living room as you sit there and soak it all in, all this negativity.

One of the reason I do not have any fear about going places, I have not read all these stuff. I was talking to someone on my cell phone as I was going to the ATM because I am getting ready to go to, then one person said “you do not want an ATM, you really should not have an ATM, I saw in the news someone had an ATM and—scared just going to the ATM because they saw in the news where someone was mob and killed at an ATM somewhere.

People, the stuff can happen, yes a lot bad stuff happened but if you distill it all and pour it into your system, a victim focuses on the negative and in everyone’s life, there is negative and positive. In every relationship there is negative and positive. I do not care how good your relationship is, I do not care hoe bad it is. There is negative and positive.

I have situations where I just counseled people, just even through mountain wings and a lot of times the women in particular and this lady will just writing a complain about her husband, and she was saying all about the things about her husband. He works all the time, he was focus on, and I look at it and I email the lady back, I said, lady you ought to see the stuff I have coming from other woman back their houses. I said, yes your husband has some faults but you have not said that he has been cheating on you; he had not beaten you. He is bringing all of the money home, I said, he is bringing all the money home. I said now, he could spend some more time with you and the family. I said you start focusing on the positive; you see that even though he is not perfect, he is better than about any percent of the man there. He is better than about all of the emails that I get. A victim focuses on the negative and victor focuses on the positive.

Number 9, a victim says, “Woe is me”, a victor says “Wohoe me”. A victim says woe with me. Lord, I am just in a bad shape. A victor says, Woehoe me.

See, in the vast majorities of things that really go wrong in our lives, I mean the vast majority, is because we are not controlled with our self. I mean in the vast majority of cases, if we can just learn to control our own flesh and our own stuff and our own emotions in the vast majority of cases. You know, even if someone curse and he came bothering you unless you let your emotion get wack.

If someone just call you, just to load down every four letter and 12 letter most of the compound curse worth in the book, put that finger in your face and just dub you out to know it. It cannot bother you, unless you loose control of you. Wohoe me.

All you have to do is sometimes just say Wohoe me, whereas the victim is always talking about woe is me. They should have seen it there to me. They should have done this to me.

If you just learn to control your self, you will turn from a victim into a victor.

And the tenth and final thing, a victim does not know or follow the will of God for their life, a victor does.

In the will of God, there is only victory. Outside the will of God, there is only defeat. A victim does not know or does not follow the will of God for their life. Do you know the will of God for your life? If you do not know the will of God for your lift—and see sometimes people, we want deep revelation on the will of God for our life.

“Lord, tell me Lord, just open up the heavens and let me see.” The problem is, God will never give you great revelation until you do the revelation He has given you. I mean, Lord you know, I want you to just show me your will Lord because I want to be a blessed people. I want to be able to give the church millions of dollars Lord, show me your will, so I can give a million then you did not even had.

We want; God will take you from level to level to level and what good will it do for Him to give you deep revelation and you are not doing to answer your stuff.

When James preaches the 8 keys to optimum health, he said, “What I want to do is, I want to give the people the simple step that they can do because, if they are not doing the simple step, there is no need to me giving them big stuff”. You got to do the simple things and God will be adding to you. Piece by piece as you master and conquer and come into obedience on the elementary thing.

Lord, I want you to give me great love for my wife or for my husband and you cut from the mouth and slap him in the side of the head. You have to do the things that you know, and do not worry about, pastor, I just do not know the will of God for my life. You know it is for Him for you to come to church and sometimes, you come to church once every three months. You know it is God’s will for you to come to church so I am telling you, do the will of God of what you know.

Why would God want to tell you something way up here and you will not do the stuff down here. In the will of God, there is no defeat, I mean, even when the disciples when they chop off their heads.

Now speak to the world, that look like defeat but the disciples knew, and behead is one of the earlier punishments, they have the first one. They understood that this world is temporary anyway. So, even if you chop off my head, this is temporary anyway. I am not going to beheaded that long; this is just a flesh and the pain.. So, you shop off my head but I have gained eternal life. I have lost an hour and 40 minutes but I have now gained millions of years, now you tell me who the fool is?

And even on the chopping block, they were still victors, because they understood, all of the stuff is temporary. God wants you more than conquerors, more than conquerors. It is like even in sports when heavy weight champion of the world, when he knocked someone out, he has won the fight but he did walk away to \$50 million, that is more than a conqueror.

So, the man has not only won the fight, he has walked away with the millions, it is more than a conqueror. God wants you to be more than a conqueror, not just to conquer these few things but to have blessing and to have joy and to have peace far beyond imagination. More than you can even imagine or think. More than a conqueror, it does not depend on your circumstance but no matter what is going on around you, no matter what has happen to you in the past.

Some people remain in a victimize state because they were victimized when they were young. Sometimes, people were sexually molested. You cannot go back and change that but you can make up your mind that stuff is in the past and I will no longer allow someone else's sickness to continually make me a victim. I am going to make up my mind. I am going to change right now, that stuff is in the past and it is temporary. I am going to leave this body anyway. So, even though I was molested in the past, I right now renounce all those spirits and I will dismiss all of that pain and accept the glory of Jesus Christ.

I no longer will be a victim but too often we carry it and you can never be released from something until you forgive it. Hate mind you tied it in love. So, if you cannot forgive—that is why Jesus is telling you to love your enemy, that thing will spoil your own health, so if you wanted to cease to become a victim, forgive and all of the people who had victimize you in the past and who have abused you or done you wrong. If you do not let it go, you carry it with you and that is a heavy weight.

See, the real weight that Christians need to get off is not really physical because oftentimes the physical weight is the result of some spiritual weight to be carried. Sometimes, we take it and we eat too much because we are trying to get of emotional pain so, sometimes we have to get through and get rid of some spiritual stuff to get freed.

God wants all of his people. We were born, we were design, we were ordained and we were destined to be victors. God never destined or ordained his children to be victims. We have taken on our road that Satan desires for us. Not a road that God desires.

For those of you that are listening to me right now, make up your mind. First of all, follow the instructions, listen to this message at least three time, and I know some of you will say, "I do not need to hear it but one time".

One of the first rules of getting out of the victim mentality is you need to listen to someone with some sense. Look, if you knew it all, you would not be in the mess. So, one of the first things you need to, and yet you may not understand it, you may not agree with it.

There was some things that my father use to tell us to do and we could not understand him because we are not mature enough. My father would come to the house and always turn the television off, he said, that is idiot box and we did not understand it because we are children and immature. Now, I understand the psychological reason. I understand the process that the brain goes through and our television short circuit those processes. I understand it now.

My father would have about walking in the grass in the morning bare footed because of the electrical charges that came up through there. We did not understand it, it was stupid to walk out in the grass, but once I understood the science of it this begun to make sense.

I am speaking that you listen to this at least three times even though you are natural mind and even though what you may think that look, I do not need to hear this but one time, first of all it is free. All you have to do is go to TheOnlineWord.com. It does not cost you a dime, so it is free but so is salvation but just to call something is free does not mean that will partake of it. You need to be set free.

I thank you for listening. If this is your first time, you have two more times to listen to this. Come back tomorrow or the next day but whatever you do, make sure that you do it. Listen to this message at least three times. God bless you. Amen