**Handout-Bob Wilkin**

**The Christian Walk**

1. **Various Views on the Victorious Christian Walk**
	1. *The Adrenaline Rush*.
	2. *We Try Harder.*
	3. *Don’t Try, Rely.*
	4. *Practicing the Spiritual Disciplines.*
	5. *Practicing Contemplative Spirituality and Spiritual Formation.*
	6. *The Fear of Hell Approach.*
2. **Weaknesses with These Views**
	1. Burn out likely
	2. Spiritual pride results in spiritual defeat
	3. Difficulties in life
	4. You cannot let go
	5. Legalism is ineffective
	6. Moving away from objective truth into subjective experience
	7. Fear of hell does not promote love and gratitude

1. **The Romans 12:2 View on the Victorious Christian Walk**
	1. **What Is the Proper Mindset?**
		1. Holding fast to the gospel (1 Cor 15:2).
		2. Pressing on toward the prize (Phil 3:10-13)

= Laying up treasure in heaven (Matt 6:19-21)

= Fighting the good fight (2 Tim 4:6-8)

= Running with eyes on the finish (2 Tim 4:6-8)

= Keeping the faith (2 Tim 4:6-8)

* + 1. Being watchful for Christ’s soon return
		2. Fearing temporal judgment
		3. Fearing shame at the Bema (1 John 2:28)
		4. Looking to Jesus
		5. An attitude of gratitude
		6. The blessedness of suffering for Christ
	1. **Where Do We Get This Proper Mindset?**
		1. Our local church
		2. Godly examples
		3. Personal Bible study
		4. Life
	2. **What Is Needed Beside the Proper Mindset (Jas 2:14-26)?**
		1. Our mindset, what we believe, must be put into practice.
		2. Faith without works is useless.
		3. The encouragement and exhortation of others
		4. Walking by faith, not by sight (2 Cor 5:7)
		5. Paying attention to our minds and bodies (2 Cor 5:1-11)
1. **Comparison with Six Secrets**

Secret #1: The miracle of resurrection (Rom 8:10-11).

Secret #2: The miracle of transformation (2 Cor 3:18).

Secret #3: The miracle of our born-of-God self (Jas 1:22-24).

Secret #4: The miracle of the light (1 John 1:6-7).

Secret #5: The miracle of prayer (1 John 5:14-15).

Secret #6: The miracle of a spiritual mindset (Rom 8:5-6).

I think three things characterize all believers who are living victoriously:

1. They are humble (Jas 4:6; 1 Pet 5:5).
2. They love the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Cor 5:4).
3. They believe the faith-alone message (Gal 5:4).

= Victorious believers are spiritually minded.

Questions or comments?