

Victory and Triumph

1 Corinthians 15:57-58 (NKJV)

57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Thanks (Greek charis) means the divine influence on the heart, and its reflection in the life.

Victory (Greek nikos) means to conquer and overcome. (a success achieved)

1 Corinthians 15:57-58 (AMP)

57 But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory [making us conquerors] through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be firm (steadfast), immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord [always being superior, excelling, doing more than enough in the service of the Lord], knowing and being continually aware that your labor in the Lord is not futile [it is never wasted or to no purpose].

Working enthusiastically for the Lord (such as evangelism) is never a waste of time.

2 Corinthians 2:14-16 (NKJV)

14 Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

15 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

16 To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?

Triumph (Greek thriambeuo) means to triumph as a conqueror with reference to the vanquished. (a significant success or noteworthy achievement)

Diffuses (Greek phaneroo) means to manifest.

Fragrance (Greek euodia) means the savor of the knowledge of Christ through Gospel testimony.

2 Corinthians 2:14-16 (AMP)

14 But thanks be to God, Who in Christ always leads us in triumph [as trophies of Christ's victory] and through us spreads and makes evident the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere,

15 For we are the sweet fragrance of Christ [which exhales] unto God, [discernible alike] among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing:

16 To the latter it is an aroma [wafted] from death to death [a fatal odor, the smell of doom]; to the former it is an aroma from life to life [a vital fragrance, living and fresh]. And who is qualified (fit and sufficient) for these things? [Who is able for such a ministry? We?]

You are qualified to share the good news of victory and triumph with people.