

# **Keys to Victorious Living**

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## **Dedication**

I dedicate this book to my wonderful wife and my two children. Barb, you are my best friend, and I love you more and more every day. Michael and Stephanie, I love you both. You are both a blessing, and I am proud of all that you are doing in life.

## **Thank You**

I want to thank Wendy Lazor and my wife, Barb, who took this book to the next level. Thank you for the endless hours of hard work.

## Foreword

While many have heard the victorious gospel message, not all have been able to apply it to their everyday lives. Jesus made an important statement while He walked on the earth; He said, *“Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have”* (Luke 8:18 KJV).

Jesus made it clear that it is possible to hear yet *not* hear. In other words, we can hear with natural ears yet miss what the Spirit of God is saying. Hearing the correct way will lead to understanding, and understanding leads to application.

My brother, Pastor Michael Cameneti, has outlined for us practical keys essential to a victorious life. From the first to the last key, you can first of all understand each insight and second apply them to everyday living.

May the abundant life of Jesus increase as you hear!

- Tony Cameneti

## Preface

When I read Pastor Michael Cameneti's book, *Keys to Victorious Living*, my first thought was that this book should be required reading for every new believer. The truths in this book will make a huge impact in the life of every young Christian who reads and applies them. I can see people becoming solidly grounded in the faith as they learn these powerful keys and experiencing acceleration and advancement in their spiritual growth as a result of their exposure to these principles.

My second impression was that this book will not simply benefit young believers. These are truths that even the most mature believer should be reminded of again and again! We not only need to experience spiritual growth as a baby Christian, but we need to be continually nourished as we move into maturity. I believe *Keys to Victorious Living* provides excellent nourishment, regardless of the spiritual maturity level of the reader.

Pastor Mike is a very personable and an excellent communicator. His message is full of rich, biblical insights and common sense, and he conveys great truths in a down-to-earth, easy-to-grasp way. I have no doubt that God's grace and his many years in pastoral ministry have made him skilled and adept at speaking to people in a very impacting way, and touching them right where they live.

Get ready to embark on a great adventure! Read with an open and hungry heart. God will speak to you and strengthen your life as you read *Keys to Victorious Living*!  
- Reverend Tony Cooke

## Introduction

Having ministered for many years to many different people, my wife and I, as well as our staff, recognize the significant need people have for teaching taken directly from the Word of God. The power to receive all that God has provided for us and to live victoriously comes directly from His Word, and I believe that God intends that victory for all those who call on His name to be saved.

Jesus says in Matthew 16:19, "*And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*" Jesus is telling us that the keys He gives us are the means by which we experience victory!

Keys represent entrance. For example, if I gave you the keys to my home, you would have the authority to enter my home—giving you access to anything inside. But keys also represent power and authority. If I gave you the keys to my car, you would have the authority and power to start my car and drive off. Knowing this, we can see that the keys of the kingdom of heaven give us the power and authority to access and utilize what God has provided for us.

When I first began writing this book, I considered listing salvation as the most important key to victorious living, because it is indeed, the first step—it gives you entrance into the kingdom of God. But I felt led to minister to those who already had a relationship with Christ—those who were already born again. This book is written from that perspective.

2 Corinthians 2:14 says, "*Now thanks be to God, who always leadeth us to triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of his knowledge in every place*" (KJV).

God is a victorious God, and He wants us to be His victorious sons and daughters!

And notice Ephesians 2:4-6 which says,

*But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*

God makes us to sit in heavenly places together with Him. That's a place of victory. That's a platform for victory, and if you operate from that platform, you'll have victory in your life.

It's my heart to see the Church rise up to be the glorious, victorious Church God designed. As a pastor, I have seen believers who live their lives in defeat in one area or another. There are some who struggle in the area of their relationships. For others, it is their finances. Many battle against sickness and disease, and for others, fear. God wants you to be an overcomer in this world. He doesn't want circumstances to defeat you! Throughout this book, you will find tools—keys to victorious living—that will help you walk in victory. The foundation for every key is the Word of God; without it, you can not access all that God has for you.

The blessings and benefits of God are endless. We couldn't possibly cover all of them in this book, but we will cover six keys that I believe are necessary to help you become the victorious Christian God intends for you to be. It is my prayer that God will help you understand and apply the wonderful revelations of His plan for you, so you may enjoy the victorious life He wants for you!

## Key # 1: Revelation Knowledge

As believers, we understand that salvation gives us entrance to the Kingdom of God. We also know that the Word is our guidebook, the most important tool we have for receiving and understanding the keys the Lord has provided, but without revelation knowledge we're limited. Why? Because **revelation makes the Word of God come alive to you!**

Let's talk about the word "revelation" before we look at some Scriptures. The word "revelation" comes from the Greek word *apokalupsis*, and its meaning pertains to having a curtain that cuts off your view and then having it suddenly opened, revealing whatever is beyond.

Let me give you an example. I was studying the Word and reading 1 Corinthians 7:3, where it says we're to show due benevolence to one another. And though I had read it before, I did so without truly understanding what it meant. While studying this time, however, it seemed to jump off the page at me. I received revelation on the subject—it became real to me, and I understood its true meaning! I discovered that "due benevolence" means "grace thinking," and that the Bible says we are to show it to one another.