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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**1 Cor. 15:57-58** *But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our LORD Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the LORD, because you know that your labor in the LORD is not in vain.* (NIV)

In 1939, **Eugene Monroe Bartlett** penned the words to this hymn, ***Victory In Jesus***. He was traveling with a quartet, and he was doing multiple concerts when he suffered a debilitating stroke at the age of 54 which left him partially paralyzed and unable to perform or travel anymore. Of all the some 800 songs and hymns he had written; this meant the most to him. Even as his physical body was declining, the lyrics of this song became more and more poignant. And now, even to this day, churches around the world sing out the words:

*O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever  
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood;  
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him,  
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.*

You see, it is not in anything that this world can give, that we can find victory. It is in Christ alone. And because of this, Paul exhorts us to always give ourselves fully to the work of the LORD. He would later write to this same church a charge to them in **2 Cor. 4:16-17**, ***Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.*** (NIV) Bottom line? We should be thanking and praising Him every day, all day long. He deserves our praise, and we should be magnifying him among the people we know and come in contact with.

**Dear LORD, thank You for the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Help us to lift Him up to everyone we come in contact with. You deserve all praise and glory. In Jesus Name, Amen**