1 - **To Be Victorious… We have to know the schemes of our enemy**1 Corinthians 15:54-57

2 – **Discouragement**

* Through suffering and persecution - (1 Peter 1:6-7; 2:20; 4:16; Job 1:7-12; 2:3-10)
* Example in Nehemiah’s days through accusations. (Nehemiah 4:5; 6:9; Ezra 4:4)
* Dealt with by Paul. (2 Cor. 2:7; 7:6-7)
* Through the prevalence of wickedness. (2 Peter 2:7-8; Matthew 24:12)
* Through our own failings & sin. (Romans 7)

3 – **Doubt**

* What God says (Genesis 3:1-5) and that it isn’t understandable. (Ephesians 3:3-5; 5:17)
* That God will **answer our prayers**. (James 1:5-7)
* That **we can trust God**. (2 Kings 18:17ff; cf., Hebrews 13:5-6)
* **That there will ever be any accountability** and divine **judgment**. (2 Peter 3:3-4)

4 - **How To Overcome Doubt**

* **Build up our most holy faith**! (Jude 20; Luke 17:5-10)
* **Continually look to the evidence** (1 Peter 3:15; Matthew 11:2-5) and “***continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of***” (2 Tim. 3:14-15; 1:12)
* **Keep pressing on**. (Philippians 3:12-14)
* **Pray continually, rejoice and be thankful**! (1 Peter 5:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Philippians 4:6-7)

5 - **Dismay or Fear**

* **God’s command to not be fearful**. (Isaiah 41:10; John 14:27)
* **It’s a lack of faith**. (Matthew 8:25-26)
* **Carnal vs. Spiritual focus**. (Matthew 10:26-31; 14:30; John 9:22; 1 Samuel 17:24; Isaiah 57:11)

6 - **Dismay or Fear**

* **Fear cripples**. (Matthew 25:25; John 19:8; Hebrews 10:38-39)
  + Satan’s fear based on **sight and not faith**.
* **Excuses to not serve God**. (Proverbs 22:13; cf., Luke 10:30ff)
* **It’s damning**. (Revelation 21:8)

7 - **How to Overcome Dismay or Fear**

* **Need for courage.** (Joshua 1:6-9)
  + What is courage?
* **Get busy!** (1 Chron. 28:10, 20; 1 Cor. 15:58)
* **Look to God!** (Isaiah 41:10; Colossians 3:1-2)
* **Remember Jesus’ words and His victory**! (John 16:33)
* **Seek forgiveness**. (Matthew 9:2; Isaiah 6:8)

8 - **Anxiety & Worry**

* **How Satan devours us.** (1 Peter 5:7-8)
* **Worry will choke out our spiritual lives and render us unproductive.** (Mark 4:18-19; Proverbs 12:25; Luke 21:34)
* **It detracts us from our priority**. (Luke 10:41-42)
* **It’s unprofitable**. (Luke 12:25-26)

9 - **How To Overcome Anxiety & Worry**

* **Turn it over to God.** (Philippians 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7)
* **Be consoled by God’s word**. (Psalms 94:19)
* **Put God first.** (Matthew 6:33)
* **Is your heart right with God**? (Acts 8:21-22)

10 - **All of Satan’s schemes… 1 John 2:15-16**

To be victorious…

1. **Sow to the spirit and not the flesh. (Think Paul)**(Galatians 6:6-9; Titus 2:11-13)
2. **Focus on our spiritual vision. (Think Moses)**  
   (Ephesians 1:18-19; Hebrews 12:1-2)
3. **Follow in Jesus’ steps. (Think Nehemiah)**(John 13:5-15; Philippians 2:3-5)