7 STEPS TO VICTORY

- 1. <u>Victory is a Gift</u> (1Cor 15:57) It does not come by trying. Jesus said "Without Me, you can do nothing". (John 15:5)
- 2. Ask for the Victory (Matt 7:7) Jesus invites you to
- 3. <u>Have Confidence "IN HIM"</u>, not yourself (1John 5:14–15) Asking for victory over sin is obviously "According to His will".
- 4. <u>Claim His promises</u> (2Peter 1:4) There are appropriate promises in scripture (see bottom of page)
- 5. <u>"RECKON" it done</u> (Romans 6:10-12) If God promised it, it's a "done Deal". So think: "I am past that now". "I'm dead to that"
- 6. THANK GOD for the victory before you see or feel it (John 11:41-44; Isa 65:24) At Jericho, there was no evidence of cracks in the walls before they shouted the victory.
- 7. MAKE NO PROVISION FOR GOING BACK (Romans 13:14) Many do well up to here, only to fail at this step. They allow an escape clause—"Just in case". {For Example: If the ex-smoker keeps cigarettes hidden somewhere, he's really saying, "I don't really have the victory" why else keep them.}

Jeremiah 29:11 / Phillipians 1:6 / 1 Cor. 10:13

Philp. 2:13, 4:8,9,13 / Jude 24 / Eph. 3:20 / Matt. 1:21

Rom. 8:37 / 2 Peter 2:9 / 1 John 2:1, 3:6 / 2 Cor. 6:16, 10:4-5

Stop Smoking Information Booklet



Instructions to Stop Smoking

Nutrition - Eat only fruit the first 24 hours.

No meat or spicy food / Do not linger at the table

Exercise - Exercise 1/2 hour each day. Choose something

you enjoy and vary it.

Go for a walk after each meal

Water - Make water your only beverage. Drink a least 10

cups a day - add lemon to it (Opt)

Bathe twice each day - end with cold water

Sunshine- Spend some time in the sunshine each day

Temperance - Keep life simply, avoid stress and big changes

Stay away from smoking friends No caffeine (Coffee, tea, cola, etc...) No alcohol / No sugar / Do not overeat

Air - Take deep breaths during the day ,when you have an

urge to smoke - take 3 deep breaths

Have a window open in the room you are in

Rest - Don't over work (or be lazy) Avoid idle time

Go to bed early (by 10pm)

Trust in God - Ask God for help. Give your will to Him and He

will strengthen it.

Say out loud "I choose not to smoke"

Phone your buddy

Claim bible promises - Phil 4:13 / 1 Cor 6:19, 20 Isa 40:29 / PS 121:1, 2 / 1 Cor 10:31 / Matt 21:22

Prov 16:3 / Jude 24

If you have smoked, don't be discouraged, just try again. With God's help you can do it.

Sixteen Weapons to Kill the Urge

- 1. Pray, ask God for the victory
- 2. Take 3 deep breaths
- 3. Repeat, "I choose not to smoke"
- 4. Keep sipping water through a straw. Keep your water with you
- 5. Take a walk, or do stretching and relaxation exercises
- 6. Look at your watch and postpone the urge for one minute, then for another
- 7. Count backwards from 100
- 8. Work on a hobby or do something else
- 9. Brush your teeth with mint toothpaste
- 10.Take a shower and end with cold water. Rub briskly with a wash cloth
- 11.Do not linger at the table after a meal
- 12.Go for a walk after each meal
- 13. Chew on toothpick. Do not replace your cigarettes with food
- 14. Deny yourself, just say "NO"
- 15. Phone your buddy or friends
- 16.Claim a bible promise

STOP SMOKING URGE RECIPE

3/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1/4 cup honey
1/3 tsp peppermint oil
Combine ingredients
Take 1 teaspoon whenever you get a craving

**Also try eating brazil nuts - these have been shown too help with cravings