

A Word for Aspiring Overcomers

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For years I have had the following poem mounted and hung on my wall next to my exit doorway. As I left my study to face the world, I wanted my life to reflect “God’s hammer.” I have never come across another statement that put the normal Christ Life in such powerful and precise terms. Just twelve hours before He died, the Lord Jesus called Himself an Overcomer of the World (John 16:33). There is no doubt of His being an Overcomer because He submitted to and lived out the following words. We can never be overcomers ourselves unless we have something to overcome. The greater things we overcome, the more we will become like Messiah Jesus. Let us praise God when He gives us greater and greater things to overcome. Overcoming alone will make us a potent and fragrant example of Himself. To live the Christ Life is the most splendid ambition and achievement of our existence. The Father knows this and so should we!

THE SPLENDOR OF GOD’S HAMMER

*When God wants to drill a man,
And thrill a man,
And skill a man,
When God wants to mold a man
To play the noblest part;
When God yearns with all His heart
To create so great and bold a man
That all the world shall be amazed,
Then watch His methods, watch His ways!
How He ruthlessly perfects
Whom He royally elects!
How He hammers him and hurts him,
And with mighty blows converts him
Into trial shapes of clay which
Only He Himself understands;
As man’s tortured heart is crying
And he lifts beseeching hands!
How God bends but never breaks
When man’s good He undertakes;
How He uses whom He chooses,
And with every purpose fuses him;
By every act induces him
To try Christ’s splendor out...
God knows what He’s about.
---Author Unknown*

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