



THEME:

OVERCOMING SELF

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BIBLE TEXT: 1 JOHN 4:4 AND PROVERBS 16:32

2 Chronicles 1:6-12: 6.

We are in the battle of Life - We must win so thoroughly that we will remember we are Overcomers. I want to talk to you as your Daddy, and as your Coach - There are certain things you have to take Note of if you are to forever be an Overcomer. Life is not a joke - It is Warfare we are involved in.... It is not a joking matter - You have to ask yourself. EXAMPLES 1. MOSES: How can somebody like Moses - Specially loved of God. Before he was born, Death was waiting, and God Preserved him. He was trained in the house of the enemy, and used to rescue a Nation. And he led a Nation for forty (40) years - Fighting battles upon battles on the way. Yet he didn't reach the Promised Land. I Pray for every one of you here, including those reading now You will Win all the way - Amen. 2. SOLOMON: How can someone like Solomon, who was loved by God from Birth: A Man who was considered the wisest, apart from Jesus Christ. A Man who was commended by God for asking for something good (Wisdom). This same Man in the end said, "Vanity upon Vanity, all is Vanity" (Ecclesiastes 1:12). I am not here to tickle you Tonight, inclusive those reading on the Label of DMC - I am here by the Grace of God, to do my duties.

My Topic today is, "Overcoming Yourself." Proverbs 16:32 says, He that is slow to anger is better than the Mighty; and he that ruleth his Spirit than he that taketh a city. 1. *YOUR EARS: You have to do something about your ears; If you are going to be an Overcomer. That is where you will start. Why? It's because Romans 10:17 says, So then Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. And you know what? Fear also comes by hearing. Read Numbers 13:26-33 and Numbers 14:1-4, you will see how a whole Nation trembled in fear because ten (10) Spies came back and said, the Land is flowing with Milk and Honey, no doubts; but it is not for us. *Listen to me carefully Tonight, because in Deuteronomy 28:1-13, the Bible says; how you listen is how it will be well with you: And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the Voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all His Commandments which I Command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on High above all Nations of the Earth: You may never need to fight any battle for you to be an Overcomer. Because His Word says: "The LORD shall cause

thine Enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways." (Deuteronomy 28:7).

Provided you hearken diligently unto the Voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all His Commandments which I Command thee this day. Christianity is not a joke: - You have to Listen. - You have to Observe. - And you have to Do What God Commands you. Then, not only will you Win without a fight: The LORD shall make thee the Head, and not the Tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; (Deuteronomy 28:13). When People come to Church and it's time to sing Choruses, they sing and dance very well but time for Sermon, they fall asleep. Why have you come? Faith only comes by hearing the Word of God - You've come to find out what God is saying. Because just a Word from God can settle all your Problems. The Bible says, He sent his Word, and healed them, and delivered them from their Destructions (Psalm 107:20). An Uncle of mine was a great Engineer - Things used to be very good with me. At some point things turned - Life became so bad, that he has to be using his wife's wrapper to sew trousers and top. Then he decided, "Death is better than Shame." Being a funny Man, he said: "I will go to the Church, sing, dance, attend my own Funeral Service; then come back home and die." He attended Church Service, but while he was in Church during Sermon, the Preacher spoke about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O King (Daniel 3:16-17). The Pastor made one Statement, he said: When Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego told the King that their God will deliver them, they didn't know how God was going to do it. When he heard that he said, truly, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did not know how God would deliver them; so I refuse to die. I don't know how God will Change my situation, but I am going to trust Him. And the Tide turned for him! The day he was sharing his Testimony, he has just bought fourteen (14) cars for his Staff in one day. There's Someone here Tonight, inclusive those reading now, I don't know how and when you got into that Problem; but you are Out, in Jesus' Name - Amen. When we started the Holy Ghost Service in London, we call it Festival of Life there. I was facing a lot of Resistance in those early days - I was saying Lord, maybe You want me to confine myself to Nigeria. Apparently, in those days before the Programme, we will invite all the Church Leaders for Dinner and one of the Church Leaders will be asked to Exalt us. In one of the Dinners, one of the Leaders was asked to speak; I was crying to God, "Daddy speak to me." Suddenly the Man who was Preaching stopped, diverted to something else in the Book of Revelation that had nothing to do with what he was Preaching at all. He said, the

Summary of it all is that, "At Last We Win! Ha! Exactly what I wanted to hear. Today I decree to Somebody here, inclusive those reading now on the Label of DMC: At Last you Win - Amen!!! Train your ears - Be careful what you listen to. If you listen to all the News of the world, by now you can tell they never say Good News - All you will hear is about those who died, those who were Kidnapped, etc. - Do they tell you how many children were born? - Do they tell you how many People got married? It's only in the Gathering of Believers that we hear Good News, because the Gospel of Jesus Christ is Good News. I have Good News for Somebody here Tonight, inclusive those reading now Your tomorrow will be alright - Amen. 2. YOUR EYES: You cannot win if you don't train your eyes to look at the Right thing, and to Perceive it. You see, to a large extent, Victory depends not on what you see, but how you see it. In the Story that I mentioned in Numbers 13:27-33 and Numbers 14:6-9; - Ten (10) of the Spies saw themselves as Grasshoppers, and unable to take the Land. - The Remaining Two (2) Spies brought Good News, and saw the Giants as bread to be conquered. Two Groups of people - One Group saw themselves as Grasshoppers; the other Group saw themselves as Overcomers.

How do you see yourself? - Are you a Grasshopper? - Or you are an Overcomer? When the Lord brought us here in 1983; before then He Had Promised me a City. This was the den of Highway Robbers and home of Pythons - Nobody wanted this Place. God brought me here - He said Son, this Place is the City I Promised you. Even when everybody passing by that time said it was foolish having a farm here; I didn't see the Armed Robbers, I didn't see Pythons - Even though they were moving all over the Place, I saw a City, and I saw all of you here. How many of you can see that your tomorrow will be alright? If you believe your tomorrow will be alright, let me hear you shout hallelujah - Hallelujah! What you see is what you are going to become. Our First Auditorium by the Expressway was 100 Meters by 50 Meters - And my children said, Daddy we have arrived, let's wall it round. I smiled! Wall what round? When two (2) years later, we moved to another Auditorium; another two (2) years after that, the Place became the Children Auditorium. We continued to enlarge till we built the Old Auditorium. People said, Oh, we have finally arrived - I told them, we have not even started. Before long we moved to 3 by 3 Kilometers Auditorium - The People said, "Now, we have arrived!" But I said, we haven't even started. How many of you believe you are going to be very great? Can you see it? So shall it be, in Jesus' Name - Amen. What determines whether or not you will be an Overcomer is: Are you looking at the Mountain or you are looking at the One who has been even before the Mountains began? Psalm 9:1-2 says, Lord, thou hast been our Dwelling Place in all Generations. Before the Mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the Earth and the world, even from Everlasting to Everlasting, thou art God. That is why the Bible says in Mark 11:22-23; And Jesus answering saith

unto them, Have Faith in God. For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this Mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his Heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Have Faith in God, then tell the Mountain to move! Don't look at the Mountain, look at the Mountain Mover; because Mountains may differ, but the Mountain Mover is one and the same. - Let the Lions come, He will deal with the Lions. - Let the Bears come, He will deal with the Bears. - Let Goliath come, our God will also deal with Goliath. How many of you believe that your tomorrow will be alright? How many of you believe your Mountains will be gone before tomorrow? Be careful what you see; because what you see will determine how far you will go. 2 Corinthians 3:18 says, but we all, with open face beholding as in a Glass the Glory of the Lord, are Changed into the same Image from Glory to Glory, even as by the Spirit of the LORD. "Daddy, you say we have not even started; when are we going to start?" I will tell you when we get there!

3. YOUR MOUTH. You have to take care of your mouth if you are going to be an Overcomer; because your mouth will determine your Victory. Proverbs 18:21 makes it clear: What you say is what you will have - "Death and Life are in the Power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." In Numbers 14:26-28 God said, "Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have Spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:" - If you tell God, "It is impossible" He will say fine, to you it is impossible. - But if you let God hear you loud and clear, and you say Father, "I am going to be an Overcomer forever." He will answer and say, Amen! Revelation 12:10-11 says, and they Overcame him by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the Word of their Testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the Death. What is coming out of your mouth? Some of you, the Word of God will come - "There is Someone here, it will be well with you." Someone will grab it and run with it, and begins to Testify. And God will surely back His Word up - unless it didn't come from Him. If God said it; it is going to happen - Amen.

I remember the Testimony of one of my daughters who came for Holy Ghost Service and the Word of God came, "There is Someone here going for Visa Interview - You already got it!" And she knew, that Word was for her because she had a Visa Interview the following Monday. When she got there the woman at the Embassy said No, you are not Qualified. My daughter said, No, it can't be! "What do you mean?" My daughter said, my Daddy said, I have already got it. The woman laughed! "Who is your Daddy?" She was expecting to hear, a Governor, a Senator but my daughter said, my Daddy is Pastor Adeboye. "If your Daddy is a Pastor, what has that got to do with me? Please leave here." So my daughter collected her Documents, muttering under her breath - "But my Daddy said I already got it." As she turned to leave, the Woman at the Embassy said, because you made me Laugh I will give you the Visa. They don't give you Visa because you made them Laugh! She got the Visa because God Has Spoken. And I am telling Someone here Tonight, inclusive those reading now, The Favour you don't deserve, you will receive - Amen. Your mouth exposes your Faith. For the Bible says, out of the Abundance of the Heart the mouth speaks. It is your Faith that makes you whole - That Faith is expressed by whatsoever comes out of your mouth. Instead of sitting down to speak rubbish or gossip; use your mouth to Praise God. David said in Psalm 34:1, I

will bless the LORD at all times: his Praise shall continually be in my mouth. He didn't say, "I will grumble at all times." Rather: I will bless the LORD at all times. - Your mouth is for Praising God. - It is to call on Him in the Day of Trouble. - Your mouth is for casting out Demons; and for Decreeing. And I decree to you right now: In the Name of the One who has called me, you will be an Overcomer - Amen.

4. YOUR HANDS. Because your hand is such a Powerful instrument for war. If you read Ephesians 6:11-18, the Bible says you should put on the whole Armour of God. What do you use to wear your Armour? Your hands! And if you look at your hands: - The Left Hand is used to hold the Shield; - While you use your Right Hand to hold the Sword. The two (2) Major Weapons require your Hands! Be careful what you do with your hands if really you want to be an Overcomer. Bible Scholars say when you clap your hands, you put your Enemies between your Palms and jam them. So, go ahead and clap your hands to the Lord! Psalm 47:1 says, O clap your hands, all ye People; shout unto God with the Voice of Triumph.... You can shout with the Voice of Triumph! God said something very serious about your hands in 2 Corinthians 6:17 - Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, ... Touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." *God says, keep your Hands clean, touch not any unclean thing: Don't Sign Anything False. Don't forge Documents. Don't touch what He says you should not touch. He says, if you do not touch unclean things, He will receive you. The Bible says in Romans 8:31, What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? If God resist you, how can you ever win a Battle? When I talk about the Relationship between me and my Daddy, some People say I go to the extreme. For example, when I told them the Story of what happened in the University; I wrote a Personal Letter, there were Envelopes on my table, and I had opportunity by virtue of my Position to use it. As I stretched my hand to take an Official Envelope, God said, don't take it - The Envelope is Official Envelope. My hand froze! - "Daddy it doesn't cost so much." He said, if it doesn't cost much, go and buy your own. People say, God is not that strict - I am not arguing; but He is strict with me and I like it. I've told of a time I disobeyed God and He Punished me. When I complained, "Lord, this Punishment is too much for the offense" He said to me: Son, you are Special to me, so I will not tolerate rubbish from you.

If He allows you to do whatever you like, fine! But I know, the Child a Father likes, He chastises - The closer you are to Him, the Stricter He'll be. Keep your Hands clean and He will receive you. By the Grace of God, I have kept my Hands clean; and you are hearing some of the Testimonies - I Thank God for all He has been doing. I remember when I went to Malaysia - The Brethren came out to Welcome us and there was quite a crowd. So I could only wave to them from the car. But one man Stretched out his hand and touched me, and he was glad - "I touched Daddy GO." Immediately, he ran home - Because he had a child who was born Lame. He laid his hand on the child and said, Stand Up and walk. Of course, nothing happened. He turned to walk away, then he heard a sound. He turned to see, behold, the child was running towards him - Hallelujah! In all Humility, I raise my hand to all of you now, including those reading now. Receive your Miracles now, in the Name of the One who said, keep your Hands clean - Amen.... Touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you!

5. YOUR LEGS. Control your legs. Isaiah 52:7 says, how beautiful upon the Mountains are the feet of him that bringeth Good Tidings, that Publisheth Peace; that bringeth Good Tidings of Good, that Publisheth Salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! What are you using your leg to do? - Are you going out on Evangelism? - Or you are using them to go wherever you want. He said you should use your legs to go to all Nations - Go ye therefore, and teach all Nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 28:19). Please Pardon me for saying I used to be a Boxer - I am a Boxer for Life. When you have been a Boxer for some time, occasionally, you'll suffer a wound - Maybe from being hit hard by your opponent and you are Probably Hospitalized. The wound may heal, but the scar is never like real flesh. When your opponent wants to fight with you, and he is ready to win, he'll look for videos of your Previous fights. If you were injured in any of the videos, he will take note of that Particular Spot. When he is in the Ring with you, he looks out for the spot where you have a scar. While fighting, he will focus on the scar, so as to give you every blow on that Spot. Then the scar will bleed, and blood will flow out. To save you, the Referee stops the fight, and your opponent wins! When your opponent wants to win you, he looks for your Weak Point. You want to be a Champion forever? Do something about your Weak Point. The Weak Point of Moses was Anger: Way back in Egypt, he was defending a Jew - All he wanted to do was to defend; but his anger erupted, and he killed that fellow. Satan recorded that one - "This Man has Anger issues." Follow his Story, you will have discovered that what the devil was trying to do: getting him angry one more time - And Moses was dodging the blows! Then one day in Numbers 20:1-12; the People were thirsted and needed water. God told Moses to gather the People - Now Speak to the Rock, do not strike the Rock. Remember there was a time they needed water before this time, God said he should strike the Rock. Now, God said, speak to the Rock - And Moses lost it: And Moses and Aaron gathered the Congregation together before the Rock, and he said unto them, hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the Rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the Congregation drank, and their beasts also (Numbers 20:10-11) Satan rejoiced! Finally, he had gotten Moses. In the Name that's above every other name, Satan will not Rejoice over you - Amen. *Many of you say, the Problem you have is that you get angry once in a while. And you say, "I only get angry when someone gets me mad." Is being Mad a Good Thing? Maybe I should remind you of the Story of one Man - The Only Problem he had was 'a little bit of anger.' He bought a new car, took it home. The little son jumped out, picked something, scratched up and car. The man saw the scratch - "Who scratched this car?" The boy said he is the one. The first thing that entered the Man's hand was Hammer - He used it to smash the sons hands out of rage. By the time he realizes himself, the son's hand was bleeding seriously. He quickly rushed the boy to the Hospital. The Doctors said, his hand would have to be Amputated. When the boy woke up, saw his hand, he said: "Daddy, when will my fingers grow again?" The Man got home, he said, let me even look at what this boy wrote on the car. And he saw, "Daddy I Love You." Of course he couldn't take the pain - He committed Suicide. I want you to Pray Tonight: Almighty God, don't let me destroy myself.