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1. An Overcomer _____ the _____.

An overcomer is one who realizes each day will present another problem, barrier, another obstacle that stands in his way, another opponent who criticizes him.

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2. An Overcomer _____ the _____.

The word of our Lord, and is repeated for emphasis, is that the Christian can overcome the world. There needs to be a refocus on the promises of God when we are walking through a dark and deep valley.

3. An Overcomer _____ the _____.

The word of God says, "This is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith." A faith in Jesus which causes us to believe in Him, talk to Him, walk with Him and abide in Him, that faith is the key to becoming overcomers.

4. The power of God is _____, and _____.

Through faith, we plug into that power and it begins to move through us. This power provides victory because God has initiated a plan that is permanent and eternal.

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Revelation 11:15 (NKJV) *Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"*

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