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How to have victory over persistent sins

1. Call your sin what it is.

Genesis 4:7 - "Sin is crouching at your door; it desires to dominate you, but you must rule over it."

Ps. 32:5 - I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I haven't hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2. Make no provision for your sin.

Romans 13:14 - Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its desires.

Mt. 18:8 - If your hand or your foot causes you to fall into sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than to have two hands and two feet and be thrown into the eternal fire.

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3. Choose to follow God.

1 Cor. 10:13 - No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to man. But God is faithful; *He won't let you be tempted beyond your ability.* But will with the temptation also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

4. Focus on Christ's love and power.

Hebrews 12:1-2 - Let us lay aside every weight, and *the sin which so easily entangles us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. ... Fixing our eyes on Jesus.

2 Cor. 5:14-15 - For *the love of Christ compels us...* that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and was raised again.

Eph. 6:10, 18 - Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might...praying always.

Romans 6:12-14 - Don't let sin control your mortal body so that you obey its desires. Don't offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather... offer every part of yourself to Him as an instrument of righteousness. *For sin shall no longer be your master.*

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5. Walk in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16 - Walk in the Spirit and you won't fulfill the lust of the flesh.

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