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Ultimately, if we intend to follow Christ, we must think of ourselves not just as Christians, but more specifically as overcomers. The Church is overstocked with people who identify themselves as Christians but have no determined will to fight the fight of faith. They simply have adjusted to the level of their oppression and now tolerate a religious, but mostly empty, spiritual life.

Beloved, it is not enough to sit regularly in church or even be familiar with the promises of God. We are called to possess them! The Bible says it is "through faith and patience" that we overcome and gain heaven's treasures (Hebrews 6:12; see also Revelation 2:3). Although some breakthroughs might take years in coming, we must not quit. Christ assures us that our lives can change, and that when they do, we, like salt and light, will transform the world around us.

There may be numerous reasons why so many Christians have attained so few of God's promises. One core reason, however, is they are in bondage to a passive spirit...

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