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Yay! It is here! Let's go to the swimming pool, let's go to the ocean, the lake, the river, anywhere where there is water. Let's go places. Let's go wherever we can afford and enjoy our life, whether alone or with the family. Let's have fun!

Not everything in life is about work or business. A good believer will invest time on a short vacation or nice weekend, alone or with his family and friends. But, what is the risk? Thinking that life is all about having fun, that life is all about having a great day.

That is exactly the root of the problem for a huge percentage of believers in America. For the last decades, we have seen how more and more believers are becoming less and less interested in attending church. They say, "God is everywhere!" Of course, He is. And guess what? He sees everything you do, watch on TV, do with your phone, and every conversation you are part of.

He sees with whom you are spending more time, and knows exactly what you are doing and what you are thinking. What is the result of that? More believers become colder and far away from the Lord. For some of them, our Lord God, His Spirit, became "insurance", they perceive our Lord as their "I am not going to hell" card.

Naturally, their children stop believing in God, reading The Bible, attending Church, and serving the Lord. Humanism is deceiving an extraordinary amount of believers.

Our Lord established a wonderful principle about balance in life. He said you have 6 days to work, one day to worship Me, and rest. Vacationing and taking time to rest, relax, and regroup is necessary in everyone's life. I suggest you set aside time and money to do that.

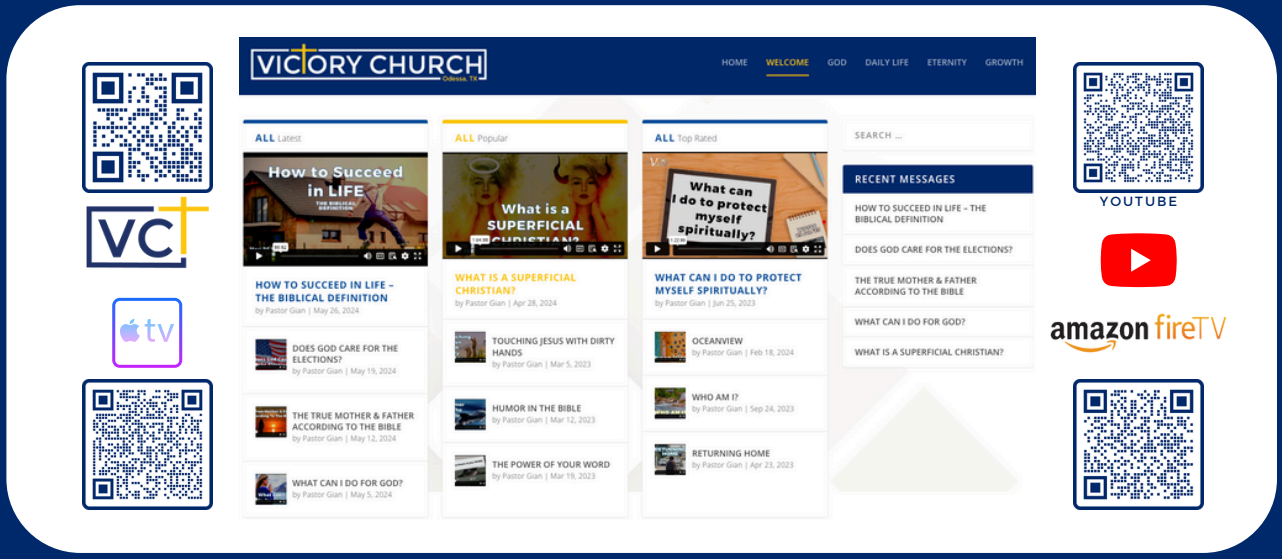
While you take your time to relax, do not think that the Holy Spirit is on vacation too, that you have a license to sin because you are off. No. You must be aware that during those times of doing nothing, the temptations will strongly come up to you, precisely from your flesh's desires. That is called concupiscence. You don't want to die in the middle of sin. Can you imagine the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus while you are taking a day off and you are drunk, high, or doing anything wrong, just because you needed a little bit of relaxation?

David's greatest sin happened exactly when he decided not to go to work. Read what happened to him in the Second Book of Samuel, chapter 11.

The great thing about that story is Psalm 51, and the tremendous example for us to be careful if we think, 'I have worked enough, now I want to please my flesh'. No, my friend. We rest and relax but still keep our sanctity in everything.

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If you pray to the One True God, you will experience thankfulness in your daily life. But, what else can you do for God, to please Him? May 5.



Every family has sad stories. You will learn in this message several sad stories of families in The Bible and how the Lord intervened to help them. You will also learn how we can still become the kind of parents the Lord wants us to be. May 12.

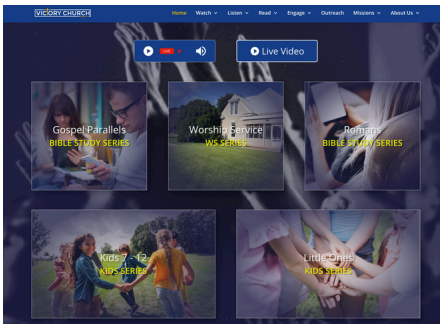


If you don't vote, don't complain tomorrow for the type of authorities we have in government. Also, what are our responsibilities as citizens? Learn about God's view of human government. May 19.



Is money all about success? Of course not! In fact, you will learn in this message the Biblical definition of success and what we need to do to succeed in life, in the eyes of our Lord God. May 26.

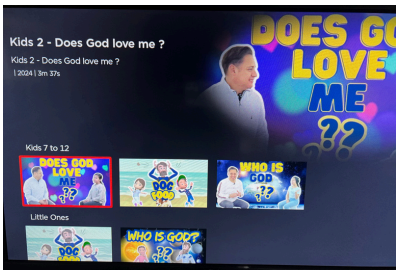
BRINGING CHURCH to the kids on Gian TV and on kids' Tablets and Phones



Using a computer, tablet or phone, kids have access to the KIDS series to learn about God and The Bible.

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If you own a Roku TV, or Roku TV device, Apple TV device, Amazon Fire TV device, and soon Samsung TV, install our channel Gian TV. Once you install it, on the main menu of the channel go down to the category for KIDS.

We are happy to announce that our KIDS videos are now available on Gian TV, our website, and soon on social media.

We are offering 2 categories of videos: Kids 7-12, and Little Ones (kids 6 and under).

Weekly we will release an animated funny story of Sam and Lisa teasing dad and mom.

We will also release a Bible Lesson on a weekly basis. This lesson is pretty much the same for both age groups, but for the Kids 7-12, it will be Pastor Gian's 3-minute teaching, answering Mila's questions, with cute animated illustrations. While the lesson for the Little Ones, is a 1-minute animated video.

Among these lessons, we will soon introduce a website where children and adults might be part of the Victory Church Training Center. This online portal integrates the video lessons into TRAINING PROGRAMS. Each student will be able to enroll in different programs. Once the student is enrolled, he will be able to watch the video lesson, download a PDF file with the content of the lesson, and then proceed to an Interactive Online Test. If the student passes the test, the system will approve him for the next level, and so forth. This portal will be released soon and will be part of our main website vchurch.us . You will be able to find it easily on your computer, tablet, or phone. Stay connected for more information.

The Secret To True Happiness

"I was angry with them for 40 years. I said, 'They are not faithful to me. They refuse to do what I say.' So in my anger I made this vow: 'They will never enter my land of rest.'" (Psalm 95:10-11)

Who was the Lord talking to when He promised they would never enter His place of rest? Hebrews 3:18b-19 answers this question, "He was talking to those who did not obey Him. So we see they were not allowed to enter and have God's rest, because they did not believe." Verse 15 says, That's why the Spirit said, "If you hear God's voice today, don't be stubborn as in the past when you turned against God."

There is no rest, peace, or joy, if we are not faithful to the Lord, if we refuse to do what the Lord says. If we refuse to please God, happiness is an impossibility! It just won't happen!

Sin is not about doing what is wrong. Sin is about "refusing" to do what is right.

True happiness is all about my focusing on the Lord, at all times. If I am full of bitterness, and I refuse to forgive someone, then I do not have a clean, pure heart before God. And if my heart is not clean and pure before Him, then obviously I am not putting my focus on Him, and Him alone. I need to let go of the hurt caused by others.

Everything that I do throughout the day needs to be done with Him in mind. God is the one who pays me back for doing the right thing and obeying His voice. The Lord pays me back with joy, peace, love, compassion, mercy, kindness, etc. Only in Him lies my true happiness.

"Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be HAPPY! Let the sea and everything in it shout for JOY! Let the fields and everything in them be HAPPY! Let the trees in the forest sing for JOY when they see the Lord coming!"
(Psalm 96:11-12)

Happiness happens when we look to the Lord!

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TOPIC	EPISODE # ON	DESCRIPTION
Jairus' daughter & a woman bleeding	77 on 5/1/24	What would you do if you were walking with Jesus, going to your home so He could heal your 12-year-old dying daughter, and someone stopped Him, wanting his undivided attention?
Two blind men healed	78 on 5/8/24	Do you believe that our Lord God is able to restore the sight of blind people? Or do you think that our Lord can heal headaches and fevers only?
Pharisees' argument destroyed again	79 on 5/15/24	Wisdom, intelligence, power, and authority are qualities of our Lord God. There is no way that people will fool the Lord, not even those who think they are that smart. In this episode, you will learn the ability of our Lord to defeat the Pharisees again.
The Harvest is Great	80 on 5/22/24	Many people don't know the Lord. Can we help? To what degree? Is it only for pastors to bring people into the Kingdom of God? Learn how you can help harvest souls for our Lord Jesus.
Commissioning the 12	81 on 5/29/24	There are fans of our Lord Jesus, there are followers, there are true believers, and there are disciples. In this episode, you will learn about the selection of the first 12 disciples of our Lord Jesus.

GOSPEL PARALLELS BIBLE STUDY JUNE SCHEDULE

TOPIC	EPISODE # ON
Persecution of Disciples	82 on 6/5/24
Fearless in Proclaiming Jesus as your Lord	83 on 6/12/24
Divisions within Households	84 on 6/19/24
Conditions of Discipleship	85 on 6/26/24





The Saga continues... check the website https://www.amathis.net for all jokes, images and videos.

JUNE SCHEDULE



Does the Lord God use literal FIRE to purify us like gold?

6/2



Who wins in your own soul, mind and life... God or money?

6/9



Is it real that the Lord God rewards us for doing what is right?

6/16



How you can witness your faith to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

6/23



The Lord God wants you to prosper, BUT His prosperity is not only about money.

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