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# GOOD NEWS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## INDEPENDENCE MONTH


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You love the idea of not depending on anyone to live your life, be happy and satisfied all the time. Correct? You know how important it is to have whatever you need and pay for whatever you want to buy, and not having the need of asking to anyone to take care of that, true? That is what we know as financial independence.

The same thing applies to your freedom to do whatever you want to do. It is a fantastic feeling knowing that you can go wherever you want to go and spend your time doing whatever you want to do, without asking for permission from anyone, right? I know! That is a fabulous way of living. It is the dream of every human being, in the past, now, and in the future.

Liberty is such a precious treasure, you can't imagine not being free.

Now, think about slavery. What does it really mean to be a slave? In these days, that idea is almost impossible to grasp, because we live freely. Apparently. The truth is that the majority of people in this world are slaves. And they are slaves to many things, like alcohol, nicotine, drugs, porn, for example. Others are slaves to their jobs because they have such a level of debt that their need for money forces them to do anything for money. Literally anything. Is that freedom? Of course not. What can I tell you about those who are slaves to the psychological domain of someone, somebody like their mom, dad, spouse, lover, or child? They don't have a life because someone else has to approve every single thing in their lives. That is certainly not liberty.

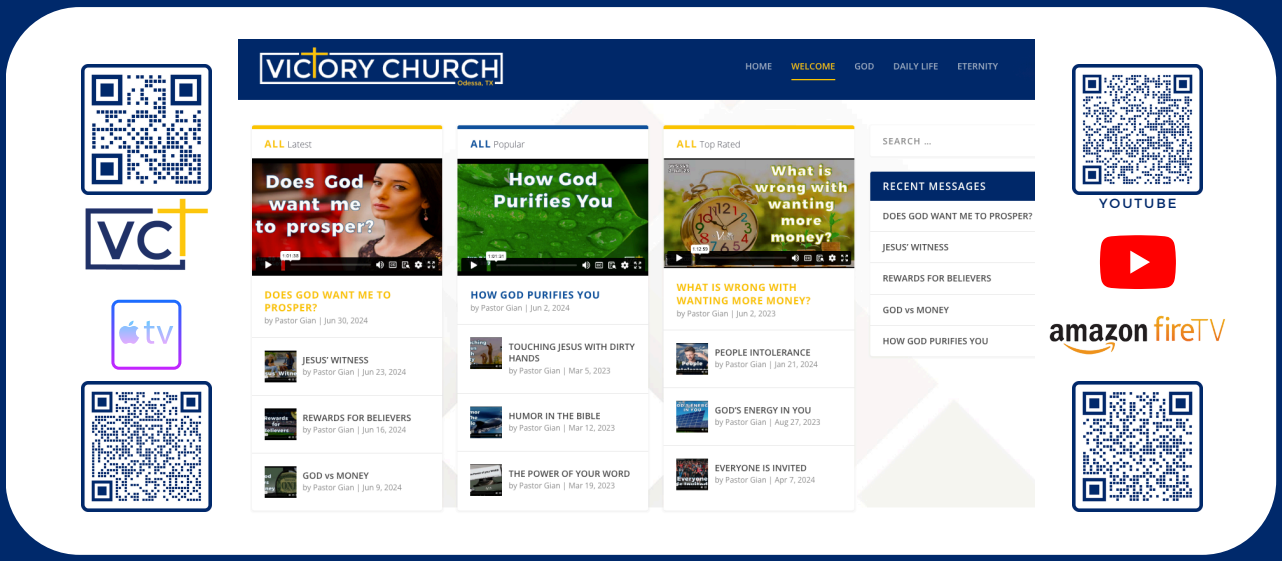
But the worst of the slavery scenarios that you can find in life, is the one type of master that is silent, invisible, and never brags about its dominion upon you. Do you know what that is? It is sin. The most cruel of the masters in life. Sin is the actions people commit that are against our Lord God. Sin is what most people are doing all day long, anything and everything against The Bible.

How can people salute our Flag, sing songs of Independence, light fireworks, demonstrate liberty, and celebrate independence, while they are drunk, high, or behaving like pagans in a nation that was founded with the Principles of The Holy Bible that proclaims the Greatness of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Independence is relative to all humans. We all end up serving a lord. We believers will not surrender to sin, to this world, to the darkness, nor to our flesh. We believers surrender only to our Lord Jesus. We bow down on our knees, with our faces on the ground we say, "Only You Lord God are Holy, and we submit ourselves to You, oh Great King of the Universe." We are Your servants, and to You we will only obey forever and ever. Lord God, please bless America!

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How God Purifies You. The Lord God wants you to be pure in order to live a holy life. That is not about pretending to be religious, but about purity in everything you do. Learn how you can do that. June 2




God vs Money. More important than anyone can think of is how money becomes the trap of this world. The enemy will confuse many believers about it, and sadly many of them will never be free of this false god. Learn how you can be free to serve our Lord God and let money become just a tool in your life, not your goal. June 9




Rewards For Believers. People will be highly surprised with the outcome of their lives. Also, many will be highly frustrated with that, simply because they did not take into consideration our Lord God and The Bible. Learn all about rewards for believers on Earth and Heaven. June 16

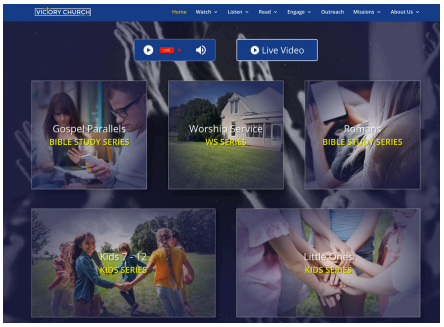



Jesus' Witness. Learn why you should testify anytime and anywhere about what the Lord has done in your life. People need to know how Great is our Lord. June 23



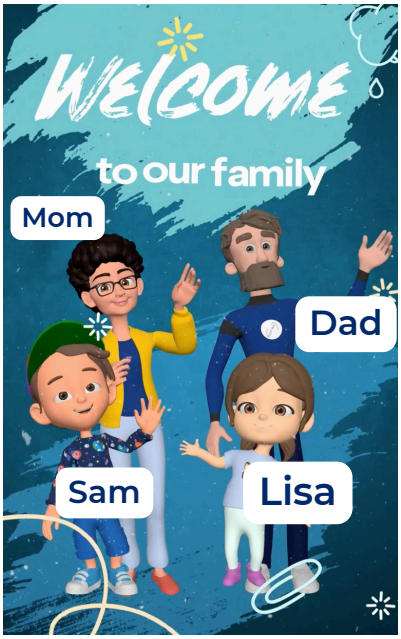

Does God want me to prosper? Yes! He loves the idea that you will have everything you need in life. Learn how the prosperity of God comes to you. June 30

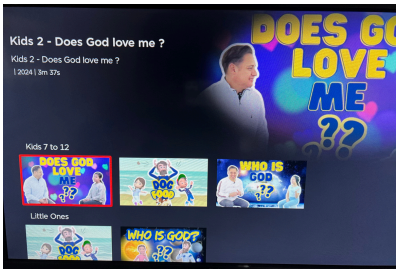
# CHILDREN VIDEOS




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

https://www.vchurch.us




If you own a Roku TV, or Roku TV device, Apple TV device, Amazon Fire TV device, or a 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.

The content, illustrations, creation of animation, audio recording, filming and final production, is one of the most complicated tasks that we have accomplished here in Victory Church Odessa.

Someone said recently, “You guys are making cartoons now!” — Somehow it is true.

Some kids were interested in watching cartoons on YouTube one day when I was in a house. I heard about it and suggested, “What if you let me show you my own cartoons?” One of the kids said, “Are you famous?” We all laughed. Then I showed them our videos.

One of the kids said to Tracy, “Not to be rude, but Gian’s accent is annoying. ”Immediately Tracy came where all the adults were to tell us and we all laughed about it.

Children are spontaneous, and naturally they will tell you what they think. But the most important comment I heard that day was when I was watching with the children one of the lessons, titled “Would I go to Heaven?” In this lesson, I explain in simple words to a child that the only requirement to go to Heaven is to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. (John 3.16, John 1.12-13). Suddenly, the 9-year-old girl said, “That is so interesting!”

I know she will remember that for the rest of her life. That day I felt that we saved a life.

- Gian

# A Happy Marriage

It only makes sense that I would write about marriages today because today is mine and my husband's anniversary.

It is mind-boggling to think that a man from Guatemala, and a woman from Dallas, Texas, would find each other in Virginia Beach, Virginia. I was traveling the states, singing at different churches, while my husband was a pastor in Virginia. He "just so happened" to hear me singing online, and then invited me to sing at his church. As I walked through the airport, getting ready to meet him for the first time in person, there was a huge sign in the airport that read, "Virginia Is For Lovers". Oh my goodness, my heart pounded! Shortly after I passed that sign, there he was, standing in the distance, waiting for me to walk toward him. I don't know about him, but for me, it was love at first sight! One year later we were married.

I have learned a lot over the past several years. Some lessons have been as no-brainer, while other lessons have been down right hard, with my kicking every step of the way! But I have found that as I obey the Lord in each lesson He teaches me, blessing always occurs.

One thing I have learned is that the ONLY way our marriage will ever survive, is if we put the Lord first. By survive, I mean, have a "happy" marriage. The Lord comes before my husband, kids, grandchildren, etc. I Corinthians 13 tells us if we do not have love, we are the same thing as a noisy bell. We are nothing without love. I may be in love with my husband, but I must also show my love to him, each and every day.

I need to be patient and kind to my husband. This has been one huge lesson I've had to personally learn. I'm sure everyone is thinking, 'You're a pastor's wife and you're not patient and kind to your husband??' For the most part, I am, but I do have my moments! Lol.

Another thing I have learned is that we need to do daily devotionals, separately, as well as together. Doing this has brought us so much closer, and has caused us to be much happier. A husband and wife also need to worship the Lord together every week in a local church. Even if my husband was not a pastor, he and I would still have the practice of attending church every Sunday, worshiping the Lord together. This is vital for a happy marriage! Imperative! We give all the glory to our Lord God!

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)
"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

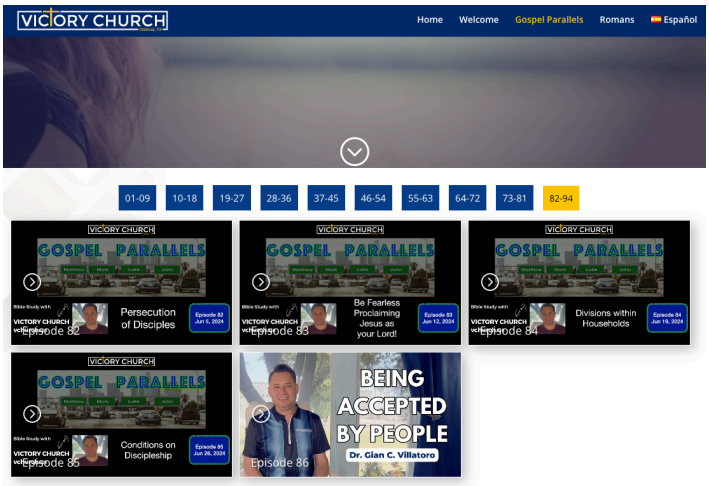


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| Persecution of Disciples | 82 on 6/5/24 | Will we be persecuted? Why is persecution permitted by our Lord? Are you going to make it? Learn about it in this lesson. June 5 |
| Fearless in Proclaiming Jesus as your Lord | 83 on 6/12/24 | Believers must be strong in their faith. Without that strength, you will not be able to overcome all the challenges in life. Learn what our Lord Jesus taught about it. June 12 |
| Divisions within Households | 84 on 6/19/24 | Without those differences of opinion in your own family, with your loved ones, you will not grow enough in your faith, nor in your knowledge about The Bible. Our Lord Jesus said to us, "Put me first!" June 19 |
| Conditions of Discipleship | 85 on 6/26/24 | It is not easy to be a disciple of our Lord God. But, it is not impossible either. Learn how you can become the kind of disciple to make our Lord proud. June 26 |

**GOSPEL PARALLELS BIBLE STUDY JULY SCHEDULE**

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| Being Accepted by People | 86 on 7/3/24 |
| Regrouping | 87 on 7/10/24 |
| JTB asking a final question | 88 on 7/17/24 |
| Jesus said about JTB | 89 on 7/24/24 |
| Woes pronounced on Galilean cities | 90 on 7/31/24 |







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

## JULY SCHEDULE




Drama Queen is not exclusive to women. Learn how to deal with problematic people. 7/7




Baptism in water is not a tradition, it is a commandment from our Lord Jesus. 7/14




In our Lord God, there is always hope. Look at the thief on Calvary. 7/21




Is it possible for someone to prophesy today? Who can do it, and how can you believe it is from God? 7/28

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