

Victorious Living

All of us are concerned – or should be – about the quality of our lives. How do we achieve victorious living? You don't have to exist very long to discover that there are people and circumstances that get in the way of that goal.

Recently, I discovered an article in a book entitled *God's Little Lessons for Leaders*, published by Honor Books of Tulsa, Okla., that gives some good advice. The author is not identified, but the message is right on point. If you follow these rules, you will find that the right attitude can help you overcome some serious obstacles:

- When people are unreasonable, illogical, self-centered, and arrogant, love them anyway.
- When people insist that your goodness contains selfish ulterior motives, do good deeds anyway.
- When you are successful, people may become jealous of you. Succeed anyway.
- When you are honest and frank, some may seek to twist your words against you. Be honest and frank anyway.
- When you do good deeds today, some may forget about it by tomorrow. Do good deeds anyway.
- When you show yourself to be a big person with great ideas, don't be surprised if you are opposed by small people with closed minds. Think big anyway.
- When someone seeks to destroy overnight what you have spent years building, build anyway.

As Mark Twain once said, "Always do right. This will gratify some people, and astonish the rest!"

– Beecher Hunter