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VICTORY IN BATTLE

During the Second World War 1939 – 1945 it was essential to ration food and clothing. Times were austere and at national level rationing continued until the year 1952. A family's need of

additional supplies was met through growing vegetables on their allotment. Allotment Societies had many members. Where any group of persons numbering twenty-five or more, petitioned a local authority to provide land for such purposes, it was legally required to do so. After the end of hostilities ownership of a local allotment remained popular but with the return of fresh and plentiful supplies of food succeeding generations have shown less interest. Working your allotment was one aspect of digging for victory! It required effort and commitment. In our present economic

crisis beginning this year, 2009, the idea of acquiring an allotment and producing one's own food is 'flowering again'.

People also overcame tragedy in the aftermath of war. This was often as a result of wounds, leading to permanent disability whether mental, physical or sensory or a combination of them all, and the individual being formally registered as unemployable. These folk fought personal battles against substantial medical odds and in many cases succeeded. The most recent example is that of the Major, who having lost both legs in combat abroad,

this week May 2009, completed the London marathon. Those who have not had to face such setbacks in life have much for which they should be thankful.

There is a battle in which all of us must fight to win. It is the battle ground of our own corrupt nature which so often gets the upper hand. Victory is always in doubt in this unrelenting trench war and some lose heart succumbing to the tyranny of their besetting sins. They are taken prisoner by them and any escape to freedom becomes impossible because there is no discharge in this earthly unending conflict. The Bible tells us that we can have the victory over our sins and the consequences. It is on the basis of the work of One Person acting on our behalf, greater than we are. That Person Jesus

Christ who sets us free from the guilt, power, tyranny and consequences of sin. Scripture teaches that Christ has overcome sin for us and we can know victory of it. That victory is gained through faith in Him and his power within, releasing us from the iron grip of our corruptions. We really can make progress because when He (Christ) comes to dwell in our hearts through faith, 'He that is in us is greater than all our sins and Satan himself' who opposes us.

1 John 5:1-5.

You *can* fight your personal war with sin and you *can* get the victory over it.