

## VICTORY RESTS WITH THE LORD



***Proverbs 21:31 The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord.***

*This beautiful bronze sculpture of a soldier riding on a horse in battle is displayed in Balboa Park, San Diego. This is a historical monument for a national hero of Spain that symbolizes his victory of wars. Proverbs 21:31 teaches us that the horse in the old days is used for battle, but the real victory of a battle is not just based on the tool that was used. It depends on God's will and guidance. There are 3 points:*

- 1. Tool is still needed in most cases. This verse did not say no tool is needed. In our battles or challenges in life, regardless it is at home, work or serving God, we need to be prepared. Preparation includes the selection of tools. The tool can be physical tool, human resources, financial resources, etc.*
- 2. Prayer is our spiritual tool. We need to seek God's guidance and wisdom such as what tools and methods to be used. There are so many examples in the Bible about prayer before and during a battle.*
- 3. Victory belongs to the Lord. We need to trust God when you have done the first two things. Have courage and faith but be humble. The outcome is determined by God. His will is ultimately the best for the overall situation.*

