

Reflecting the Principle through Self Evaluation
Life Principle #18

*As children of a sovereign God,
we are never victims of our circumstances.*

- Have you felt like a victim of the circumstances in your life? If so, write down or ponder your **true feelings** of how you have felt like a victim. Think about how these feelings have caused you to have an uneasy spirit. Then think about the following: *Have I allowed these feelings to interfere with my trusting God and my relationship with Him?*
- Take a moment to look up the word *sovereign* and write down in your own words what it means to you to have a sovereign God as the Lord of your life.
- Read Paul's pep talk to all Christians in Romans 8:31-39. Write down how you can begin claiming these truths in your life so that you may live as a conqueror instead of a victim of your circumstances. How are you going to submit to the Holy Spirit to allow Jesus' strength to help you conquer your circumstances?

What rewarding truths are connected with the sovereignty of God?

We can:

Live with greater trust in the Lord. He is the Sovereign of the universe. You and I are able to face difficulty because we know and can rely on the One who is in charge.

Experience freedom from worry. Our heavenly Father promises to provide for our basic needs (Matt. 6:25-33). That means when we lack something, God must be working good through that situation.

Have an increased sense of gratitude. Because the sovereign Lord is our provider, we can have confidence that every need will be satisfied. Our requests are not met simply by chance, but according to His goodness and fatherly care.

Be more patient in times of adversity. We can be confident that suffering will end one way or another - He will either bring us through the adversity or take us home to be with Him. He promised never to leave or forsake us (Heb. 13:5).

Anticipate God's work in our lives. We can have confidence that the Lord will work through adversity.