

Pulling Down Strongholds

Part 1

What is a stronghold?

II Corinthians 10:

³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: ⁴**(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)** ⁵Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; ⁶And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

A stronghold must be gone after, attacked and defined before freedom can come

Legal right – how the devil gets in
Stronghold – how the devil stays in

In most instances a legal right must be renounced

When Satan gets a legal right to stay he begins to build an infrastructure of evil.

He tries to enmesh himself into every aspect of who we are

What is the difference between strongholds & behavior?

Behavior that can be modified through corrective circumstances, right thinking, and right choices is not a stronghold of the demonic

You know it is a stronghold when there is a wall that you keep on hitting. No matter what you do you just cannot correct that behavior.

You have read your Bible, prayed, made resolutions, and you cannot correct it, then you know that it is a stronghold

Why does it take a more focused effort to pull strongholds down? Why can't you just speak out and it's done? Why do I need to be ministered to?

If you could have been fixed you already would have.

SIX MOST COMMON STRONGHOLDS

- 1 FEAR
- 2 ANGER
- 3 REJECTION
- 4 DEPRESSION
- 5 SELF HATRED
- 6 ABUSE

Strongholds confuse your thought process

The greatest weapon against the devil is God's love

We are all able to receive God's love

A stronghold has to be gotten rid of to make way for the love of God

A stronghold is a place where you get stuck and begin to feed on whatever the stronghold is

What is the difference between the flesh (human weakness) and a stronghold?

A stronghold is embedded with supernatural evil that eventually becomes the identity of the person

A demonic stronghold is different than a human condition that lacks in growth and maturity

Spiritual freedom is all about waging war on the supernatural force that is hanging on to that emotion and intensifying it and supernaturally feeding it

When you identify a stronghold you then must pull it down with weapons

You must battle against the stronghold and confront it in the name of Jesus

You must tell the stronghold that it does not have a right to keep you in bondage

Speak scripture to the stronghold

Along with pulling the stronghold down we must walk the walk of sanctification and walk in grace

Not directly confronting the stronghold is like fighting with one hand tied behind your back

A stronghold is an emotion with an edge

Through Christ we are able to pull the strongholds down

A door keeper demon is a demon that holds the door open so that all the other demons can come in

II Tim 1:7

⁷For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

False
Evidence
Appearing
Real

Fear is the opposite of faith

Fear comes from not walking in faith

God has called us to de-mystify the devil