

Demolishing Strongholds

IT'S ALL IN YOUR MIND, #2

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2 Corinthians 10:3-5 We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. ⁴ We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. ⁵ We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

STRONGHOLDS

Ochuroma (okh-oo'-ro-mah); to fortify, a strong castle, a prisoner locked by deception.

A Stronghold is:

- A place of strength, where evil is entrenched.
- Not out in the open, not easily exposed.
- Well defended & difficult to attack.

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DEMOLISHING STRONGHOLDS

1) IDENTIFY THE STRONGHOLD

2 Timothy 2:26 Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants.

John 8:44 ...When (the devil) lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

___ Material/Financial Strongholds

___ Addictive/Habitual Strongholds

___ Personal/Physical Stronghold

___ Relational Strongholds

___ Spiritual Stronghold

My biggest stronghold is _____

2) ATTACK THE STRONGHOLD WITH GOD'S WEAPONS

Proverbs 21:22 (NIV) A wise man attacks the city of the mighty and pulls down the stronghold in which they trust.

2 Corinthians 10:3 We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do.

Strateia (strat-i'-ah); military warfare, fighting with guided strategy.

2 Corinthians 10:4 (NIV) The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

Kathaireo (kath-ahee-reh'-o); to take down with violence, to demolish.

Our Weapons are: Prayer & Truth

3) DEMOLISH STRONGHOLDS WITH GOD'S TRUTH

2 Corinthians 10:5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me...He has sent me... to proclaim the captives will be released and the prisoners will be freed.