

OPERATION CONQUER!

(PART 3 OF 3)

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2 CORINTHIANS 10:4-6 KJV – (4) For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; **(5)** Casting 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; **(6)** And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

The Apostle Paul is willing to go battle against false apostles because he does not wage war according to the flesh. He recognizes that the warfare in which he is engaged is spiritual and requires spiritual weapons that are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds.

By “Stronghold,” Paul isn’t talking about physical fortress, of course, but about destructive patterns of thought that lead people astray and hold them hostage to sinful, harmful and addictive behavior. We know Paul concerned with the mind because he is demolishing arguments and every proud (lofty) thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God. And he wants to help believers take every thought captive to obey Christ. Satan’s strategy is to block the knowledge and / or application of God’s Word in the thinking of believers so that they can be held hostage by his lies, which are communicated through false teaching.

If addictive behavior is present in a person’s life, that behavior is not the stronghold but merely its fruit. Strongholds can only be demolished by the knowledge of God. That is by truth! Jesus said, “The truth will set you free (**John 8:32**).” When your “Relationship” to the living word connects to the written Word, “You will really be free!”

If you are not taking every thought captive to obey Christ and are instead succumbing to a stronghold, it’s because you either don’t know the truth or aren’t making use of the truth you know.

SCRIPTURE READING

JUDGES 6:2

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If you don’t stand for something, you could be part of the problem.

“A JOURNEY OF THE HEART”