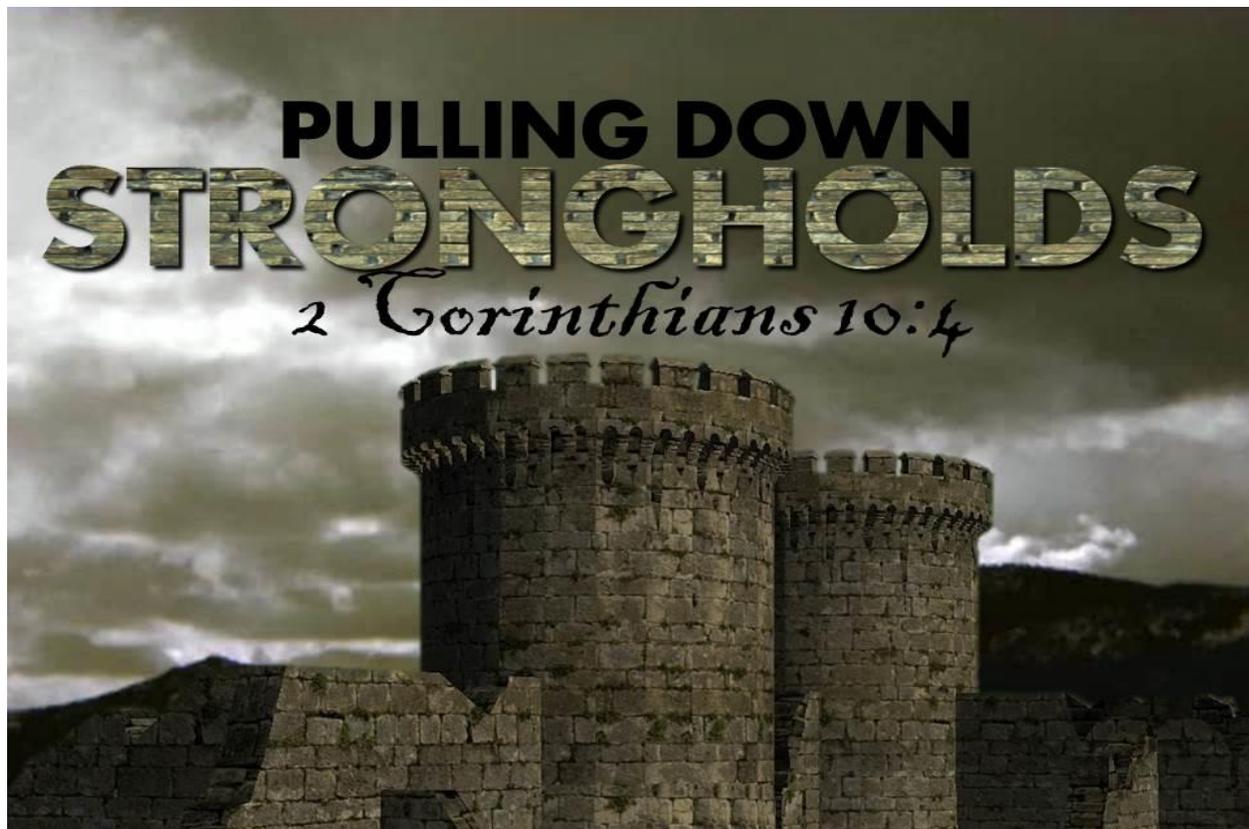


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**The Spiritual Disciplines: Identifying, Developing & Removing
Strongholds**

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Spiritual Disciplines: Identifying, Developing & Removing Strongholds

I. The _____ of Stronghold

- A. In Scripture, stronghold and _____ are often interchangeable terms.
- B. A stronghold or fortress is simply a _____ of _____.
- C. Strongholds are known as _____ of _____.

Proverbs 20:18 *Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.*

II. The _____ of Strongholds

- A. Strongholds were used for the _____ of God's _____.
- B. Old Testament strongholds often referred to _____. Old Testament strongholds were used as a means of _____ from the _____.
- C. Strongholds were often _____ . Strongholds were sometimes located in _____ and _____.
- D. _____ is often referred to as our _____ & _____.

I Samuel 23:14 *And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand.*

I Samuel 23:19 *Then came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of Jeshimon?*

Psalm 46:1 *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

Psalm 91:2 *I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.*

III. The _____ to Strongholds

- A. We must be _____ and have places of _____ in our lives.
- B. Our _____ can be a _____ or fortress.
- C. Our _____ can develop into positive areas of defense.
- D. What you do to _____ yourself from _____ and vulnerabilities can become a _____.

Ephesians 5:15-21 ¹⁵ See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,¹⁶ Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;²¹ Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Ephesians 6:10-18 ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;¹⁵ And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;¹⁶ Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

James 1:2-4 ² My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;³ Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.⁴ But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

IV. The _____ of Demonic Strongholds

- A. We often unintentionally provide _____ for _____. The _____ in us where we _____ the enemy are strongholds.
- B. Sinful _____ in our lives become _____ for Satan. _____ thoughts toward _____ become strongholds.
- C. Christians often are not necessarily demon _____ but rather demon _____.

