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# "Destroying Strongholds: Lies We Believe"

"Peace of Mind: Winning the Battle for Your Mind" – Pt. 5 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 and Selected

## Strongholds Can Be Destroyed...

# I. When I humble myself before the one who holds victory in His hands!

"And he said, 'No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come.' And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to Him, 'What does my lord say to his servant?'" Joshua 5:14

#### II. When I cease believing the lies I tell myself!

"For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds." 2 Corinthians 10:4

No person on the face of the earth lies to us more effectively than we lie to ourselves.

- Strongholds are lies we believe and grant authority over us.
- Strongholds develop when we open the door of our mind to something contrary to God's will.
- Strongholds begin in the spiritual realm but usually manifest themselves in the physical realm.

## How Can I Reject the Lies I Believe -

#### "T" - Trust God's Word

"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."

John 17:17

#### "R" - Repent of Sinful Thoughts and Actions

See Psalm 7:12-16 and Luke 13:1-5

#### "U" - Unravel the Devil's Lies

"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." 1 John 3:8

## "T" - Take Captive Every Thought

"We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:5

### "H" – Hold Fast, Help is On the Way

"For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I am the one who helps you.'"

Isaiah 41:13