

Pulling and Tearing Down Strongholds

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Main Text: Galatians 5:16-21; 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

- I. Be truthful and Identify.
 - a. Self Evaluation – make sure you’re not the problem.
 - b. Not everything someone is dealing with is a spirit.
 - c. According to Galatians 5:16-21 there are works of the flesh.
 - d. Accountability and consequences.
- II. Attack the “root” problem or issue.
 - a. Acts 16:16-24
 - i. 2 things will happen: 1) take control of the situation, cast out the demonic influence and 2) you will experience persecution from others because of it.
 - ii. Paul didn’t immediately address the issue. She followed them for many days. I believe Paul was praying, evaluating and asking the Holy Spirit in the address and identify what they were dealing with.
 - iii. Pulling down strongholds must be strategic.
 1. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
 2. Ephesians 6:10-17
 3. Nehemiah 2:11-18
 - a. Survey the land (situation, environment and atmosphere)
 - iv. Skilled in prayer.
 1. Philippians 4:6-7
 - a. Prayer and supplications
 - b. Request be made known to God.
 - c. Why? Romans 8:15-17
 - d. 1 Corinthians 2:11-15
 - III. Purge, overcome and root out the stronghold.
 - a. Joshua 10:3-7
 - i. Don’t give the enemy time to regroup and add reinforcement
 - ii. Develop plans of implementation, accountability, spiritual growth and maturity to become stronger than our enemy
 - iii. Daily Devotions, worship, prayer, study and fellowship with Victorious Believers!
 - iv. The very thing that you don’t overcome will be the very thing that will keep coming over and over until you do.
(Amalekites – 1 Samuel 15:1-3, Exodus 17:8-16)
 - b. John 14:12-14; 16:23-24, Mark 16:15-18,20
 - i. Know who you are in Christ!
 - ii. Know the authority that Jesus Christ delegated to ALL Believers!

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- iii. Ask God to help increase your faith (Mark 9:14-29 – Father ask to help his unbelief)
 - iv. Don't be afraid to confront the demonic/spiritual realm with the Word of God knowing that God's has your back, Jesus Christ is leading you into battle and He has given you authority over all the works of His hands (Genesis 1:26-28)
- IV. Conclusion: Whether you want to be in this war or not, you do not have a choice. Strongholds are situations that one submits to that begins to build a prison within the persons thought life that eventually begins to manifest within one's own reality. The only way to overcome strongholds is to recognize, deal with the root issue and overcome through supernatural and natural means by continually applying God's Word daily. But, it becomes an individuals choice because it starts with the individual that affects a community. One must analyze the environment, atmosphere and geographical history of the region and begin to identify the principalities and powers and begin to dispose of them through God's Word, your position in God's Kingdom and by the blood of Jesus Christ. Change only happens when people respond with action!!!