

Fortresses & Strongholds

Fortresses and strongholds are carefully and personally crafted plans which are employed for the destruction of the will of God in our own lives as well as in our life together. It is Satan's intent to bind us in chains for as much of our earthly life as possible, and to torment us with flaming missiles (the burning castings of Satan).

A Fortress: to make firm.

A strong place where Satan pushes my buttons at will.

A Speculation: human reasonings based upon conclusions of our fallen natures.

Unproven or untested things that have to be true or may be true because I am so sure I am so right (about myself or others).

A Lofty Thing: life issues lifted up by human pride.

Attitudes and actions born of my unwillingness to experience the probing and pain of light in my life.

How do each of the following "lofty things" tear us down?

Accusations...debilitating us because of guilt or time spent in self justification.

Deceptions...keeping us busy with non-kingdom pursuits and empty preoccupations.

Temptations...pushing harmful heart buttons that keep us in chains.

Divisions...destroying alliances of truth that would build us into a spiritual house.

The goal of Satan is to tear down, divide, and produce enmity.

The goal of God is to build up, unify, and produce love.

The Corinthian believers struggled with relationships - in that they restrained one another before the light. (2 Corinthians 6:11-13). They were not picking up the weapons for the left and right hand (6:7) but instead were picking up weapons of the flesh (10:3,7).

In order to take every thought captive and to be free from the ravages of arrogant speculation the Corinthians were exhorted to respond to God's authority (the Light).