

Disarming darkness in our lives

AN IDENTITY STRONGHOLD

One of the central strongholds implemented by Satan relates to our identity. We become confused over the perfect, pure, compassionate, kind-hearted, unchanging love of my Father for me. They are often in the middle of enclaves that hide the identity root?

“I must assert my worth and usefulness as a person. I must prove myself and work my way to acceptance through what I do so that I can be esteemed and recognized.”

How familiar does the above stronghold feel to you?

WHAT ACCOMPLICES DO TO COOPERATE AND ESTABLISH ENCLAVES:

Strongholds are usually surrounded by an enclave, mostly to hide a root stronghold. They muddy the waters and hide the root of what is tormenting us. Do any of these look familiar?

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| - Crushing emotions | - Impure defiling | - Deceptions and Lies |
| - Accusations | - Abandonment | - Anxiety |
| - Alienation | - Depression | - Inflated Egos |
| - Confusion | - Stealer of Hope | - Divisions |

“Strongholds leave us hurt and scarred, impaired in our ability to trust. We are never sure or secure as a saved, loved, and accepted child. There is agitation and fear rather than rest and peace.”

SOME TESTS FOR A PERSONAL IDENTITY STRONGHOLD

- Am I comfortable with the fact that my parents are proud of me?
- Am I doing what I do to feel like it lifts me in the eyes of God?
- Am I doing what I am doing because I need acknowledgment, recognition, and association with “important” people?
- Am I doing what I am doing to be ahead of others so I can be perceived as a leader?
- Do have trouble submitting to those in authority over me?
- Am I a law to myself?
- Do kindness and truth reflect my deepest feelings about other people?

The nature of an ENCLAVE (multiple strongholds) is that self-justification, inflated ego, judgmentalism, denial, failure to speak truth, strife, envy, factions, confusion, disorder, and secrecy rule the day.

How does this concept rock your world? Seem irrelevant to you?
