



Mentoring – Lesson 2

Strongholds: What They Are and how to Pull Them Down

Study Questions

- 1) Strongholds are _____ secret weapon.
- 2) Satan uses _____ to control our behavior and black mail us.
- 3) What is Ed Silvoso's definition of a "stronghold"?
- 4) We must learn to identify strongholds and pull them down to step forward toward fulfilling our _____.
- 5) What are the three key components of victory over the evil one as described in Rev. 12:11?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- 6) Rev. 12:11 says that we defeat the devil, not by who we are in Christ, but when we _____ who we are in Christ.
- 7) What are the 3 main weapons Satan uses against us?

Name of weapon active, passive, or dormant?

Weapon 1: _____

Weapon 2: _____

Weapon 3: _____

- 8) Strongholds are Satan's secret weapons since he is able to use them against us without us being _____, and at the worst possible time for us.
- 9) The weapons that we've been given are not meant for us to use them here in the natural world. Where are we to use our divine weapons?
- In the _____.
- 10) The divine weapons we've been given are to be used in the supernatural world to destroy _____.
- 11) A stronghold is not a scheme. Describe what a scheme is and what a stronghold is.
- A scheme is _____
- A stronghold is _____
- 12) When we have 2 things (regarding the will of God – the word of God and reality) that contradict each other, we build a partition in our minds. This partition is called a _____ thing and it blocks the _____ of God.
- 13) When the partition is set up in our minds, we have the knowledge of God in Room A and our "reality" in Room B. In our minds, we are, then, free to _____ because nothing contradicts our speculation because the _____ of God is being blocked by a lofty thing.
- 14) When the word of God and our reality contradict each other, we become _____ because we've tried everything and experienced pain and misery. The only survival mechanism is to build a _____ in our minds.
- 15) What is the problem with having a partition in our minds?
According to the book of James, we become _____.
- 16) What is wrong with being double minded? It causes a person to be _____ (unstable) in all his ways.
- 17) If we are unstable, we are unable to _____ the devil.

- 18) Where are strongholds located?
- 19) The Church at Laodecia, in Revelation Chapter 3, thought one way, but what they thought was the opposite of _____.
- 20) The devil targets our minds, because, when we became Christians, God gave us the mind of _____.
- 21) Because we have the mind of Christ, the enemy cannot control our minds anymore, *except* through _____. A stronghold _____ the power a Christian normally has when they understand they have the mind of Christ.
- 22) The second characteristic of a strongholds is that they are made up of _____ thoughts and intentions. This is why they are so difficult to _____.
- 23) How many thoughts are we to take captive to the obedience of Christ? _____ - That includes the _____ and the _____ thoughts.
- 24) The devil uses our _____ thoughts to build strongholds.
- 25) In Matt. 16:21-15, Jesus says to Peter, "Get behind me Satan" because he was looking at things from _____ perspective, not God's.
- 26) The third characteristic of strongholds is that they develop in the shadow of our _____.
- 27) Strongholds are developed in the shadow of our strengths because we don't have any early _____ system against Satan, because in the area that I am naturally strong, I don't look for things to go _____, and I don't expect it to happen.
- 28) A good thing is as a _____ thing because the only excellent thing is what God says.
- 29) The fourth characteristic of strongholds is that they are _____ by painful trauma and _____ by crisis.
- 30) The fifth characteristic of strongholds is that they create a double mind that results in emotional and spiritual _____.

Destroying Strongholds

- 31) In order to destroy a stronghold, we need to first, _____ Second, we need to _____ Third, we need to _____ and He will draw near to us.
- 32) Strongholds are meant to be _____, not painted over or remodeled.
- 33) The key to destroying strongholds is _____.

- 34) The devil likes to make us believe a lie. In the early stages of destroying a stronghold, he “hits” us hard, and makes us think that he can last at that level of intensity for the duration of the “war.” The truth is that he can’t. According to the illustrations of the fly and the wall, the key to defeating the devil is _____.
- 35) We need to resist the devil, and we do this through the _____ day treatment.
- 36) First, we need to _____ what the stronghold is. Second, we need to get 40 “sledgehammers” from the Bible – the sledgehammers are Biblical _____. Then, declare war on the devil – _____ the word of your testimony Keep declaring, “It is written... (fill in your scripture verse)” until the devil _____.
- 37) It is difficult for the first week, then it gets easy until the 32nd to 36th day. That’s when the devil knows he’s _____ and he’s trying to put up a “smoke screen.” We need to hang in there because it will finally break.
- 38) Summarize the teaching in 4 or 5 sentences.
- 39) How has this teaching affected your life?
- 40) Describe the steps you will take to implement what you’ve learned.

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Answer Page

- 1) Satan's (from Mentoring Lesson 2 webpage)
 - 2) strongholds (from Mentoring Lesson 2 webpage)
 - 3) A stronghold is a mindset impregnated with hopelessness that causes us to accept as unchangeable situations we know are contrary to the will of God. (from Mentoring Lesson 2 webpage & PPT)
 - 4) destiny (from Mentoring Lesson 2 webpage)
 - 5) 1. The Blood of The Lamb 2. The Word of Our Testimony 3. Despising our Lives Unto Death (from PPT)
 - 6) Declare
 - 7) **Weapon 1:** Sin, Active **Weapon 2:** Accusations, Passive **Weapon 3:** Strongholds, Dormant
 - 8) Aware
 - 9) supernatural world
 - 10) strongholds
 - 11) A scheme of the devil is that he got you and you don't know that he got you. He's manipulating you, but you don't know it.

A stronghold is plain blackmail. You know what you're supposed to be doing, but you can't do it, and you don't know what to do about it.
 - 12) lofty, knowledge
 - 13) speculate, knowledge
 - 14) hopeless, partition
 - 15) double minded
 - 16) unstable
 - 17) resist
 - 18) in the mind
 - 19) reality
 - 20) Christ
 - 21) strongholds (or castles), neutralizes
 - 22) good, detect
 - 23) all, evil, good
 - 24) good
 - 25) man's (or satan's)
 - 26) strengths
 - 27) warning, wrong
 - 28) dangerous
 - 29) activated, detonated
 - 30) instability
- Destroying Strongholds
- 31) submit to God, resist the devil, draw near to God
 - 32) destroyed
 - 33) perseverance
 - 34) persistence
 - 35) 40
 - 36) Identify, promises, speak, flees
 - 37) defeated