

Chapter 8

Spiritual Strongholds

Mark 9:14-29

We are continuing our look at spiritual strongholds to find God's victory. It's a difficult subject, so it is unwise to gloss over it too quickly. This is where many Christians are living today, and it causes them and the church to be defeated. Imagine a church full of believers with no evil strongholds and only righteous strongholds. It is hard to imagine, but that is what God desires for us!

This Kind Cometh Not Out...

Shifty _____.

False view of _____.

Befuddled by _____.

What Is a Spiritual Stronghold?

It is _____ or evil. Ephesians 4:27

It is _____. Mark 7:20-23

It is _____. Mark 9:28

It is something we _____.

Examples of Strongholds

Spiritual curses and occult practices, witchcraft, freemasonry (Leviticus 20:27; Acts 16:16-18); Haughtiness, vanity, perfection, scorn, judgmental, competition, mockery, stubbornness, self-righteousness, embarrassment, gossip, boastful, sarcasm, critical (Proverbs 16:18; 1 Peter 5:5); Unscriptural thinking, double-mindedness, suicide, mutilation, stupor (James 1:8; Romans 11:8); Slumber, isolation, anti-social, laziness, apathy (Proverbs 6:10); Phobias, insecurity, inferiority, timidity, worry, sensitivity, cowardice, victimization, panic, abandonment, dread, procrastination (2 Timothy 1:7); Burdened, sadness, rejection, grief, guilt, shame, self-pity, depression, insomnia (Isaiah 61:3); Jealousy, frustration, bitterness, envy, covetousness, control, revenge, suspicion, anger, hatred, cruelty, murder, violence, murmuring, selfishness, profanity (Numbers 5:14, 30); Lying, exaggeration, drama, hypocrisy, religious, legalistic, traditionalist, word twisting, theft (2 Chronicles 18:22; 1 John 4:6); Anti-Christ, doubt, unbelief, rebellion, humanism, intellectualism, self-help, self-exaltation; Bondage, hindering, greed, hoarding, gluttony, manipulation, slavery,

Common Battle. Uncommon Grace.

emotional weakness, addiction, drunkenness, drugs (Romans 8:15); Idolatry; Perversion, lust, homosexuality, prostitution, masturbation, sodomy, bestiality, child molestation, exhibitionism, pornography, seducing spirits, fantasy (1 Timothy 4:1).

Common Sources of Strongholds

Unconfessed or _____ sin. 1 John 1:8-10

Occult _____.

_____ you believe. Colossians 3:9

_____. James 3:14; Ephesians 4:32

Ungodly _____. 2 Corinthians 6:14-16; Psalm 1:1-2

_____ patterns. Lamentations 5:7

Where Are You

1. Is your life overall a stronghold for evil or righteousness?

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Evil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Righteousness

2. Look at the strongholds list provided above. Are there other strongholds in your life that need to be conquered? Write them here.

3. Begin praying that God will help you find victory over these areas.