

Pulling Down Strongholds

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: II Corinthians 10:3-4.
- B. Christians are to employ different weapons than the world uses.
- C. The weapons of the Christian's warfare are powerful and effective.

II. The weapons of spiritual warfare.

- A. Truth, which is the revelation of reality. (Romans 13:12)
- B. Love.
- C. Righteousness.
- D. Faith. (Hebrews 11)

III. The problem: strongholds.

- A. These are places that hold people in constant despair and misery.
- B. Types of strongholds include materialism, pride and homosexuality.
- C. The church is not helpless against these strongholds.
 - 1. The gates of hell will not prevail against the church, Jesus tells us.
 - 2. The church is on the offensive against hell.
 - 3. Truth set a whole city free in Jonah.
 - 4. Love prevailed in the story of David and Jonathan.
 - 5. Righteousness protected Joseph when he was tempted to be immoral.
 - 6. Faith delivered Jerusalem against the Assyrians.
- D. We must not accept the status quo—a great deal can be done as Christians.

Application questions:

- 1. How are the Christian's weapons more powerful than the world's?

2. Which weapon stands out to you? Explain.

3. How would you encourage a believer struggling against a stronghold? Explain.
