



2 Cor. 10:3-5 - God's Design for a Victorious Christian Life

We all love to win. We will fight hard to win in a lot of things, won't we? We will yell at our friends in order to win. We will lose friends because of competition, but somehow we don't have the same fight in us when it comes to spiritual battles. We can give in. We make excuses for what Paul calls "strong holds" in this passage.

Because God provides you with powerful _____, you can pull down _____ in your life!

A strong hold was not just some little encampment. The image that would have come to the Corinthians' mind is an image of impenetrability. It is something that is "un-defeatable." These were places that people tried to avoid attacking at all costs. Is this what you have done with a specific sin in your life? You avoid attacking it all costs. To you it is "un-defeatable."

Let's get practical. How can you pull down strong holds in your life?

You must _____ to God! (4)

Without knowing it, we can often say to God, "_____." We don't read His Word. We don't pray. We don't ask for His help with the sin that is eating us up from the inside out. God is telling us in His Word, "My child, you are not going to win this battle in the flesh. The weapons for the battle that your in are only mighty through me."

You must _____ the _____ of God. (4)

When Jesus was tempted by Satan Himself in the wilderness, He used the Word of God. He said, "it is written!"

Hebrews 4:12 - *For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

1 Thessalonians 2:13 - *For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received [it] not [as] the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*

Jeremiah 23:29 *Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?*

You must _____ your mind. (5)

1. _____ what is hindering your spiritual walk. (5a)
2. "Make it hard to _____ and easy to do _____."
-Rand Hummell. (5b)

Romans 13:14 says, "put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh to satisfy the lusts thereof."

Final Thoughts

Because God provides you with powerful weapons, you can pull down strong holds in your life! How? You've got to yield to God. Run to Him! "God I need you! I can't do this!" Run to the right power source. After you've yielded to God, you've got to wield the Word of God. You need the power of God's Word! Meditate and memorize God's Word. Then to stay connected to the right source of power against sin, you need to shield your mind. Your thoughts lead to action.