

Definition of stronghold

A faulty thinking pattern based on lies and deception, which gives Satan power in our lives

The Pulling Down of Strongholds

*“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye **obey**; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”*

Romans 6:16

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“Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.”

Titus 1:15

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“And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.”

Mark 4:15

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“But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?”

Acts 5:3

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*“But he turned, and said unto
Peter, Get thee behind me,
Satan: thou art an offence unto
me”*

Matthew 16:23

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- Obedience to and trust in God's Word can protect us from strongholds

Discerning Strongholds

1. You have a stronghold if your mind keeps focusing on a particular event from the past.
2. You have a stronghold if you are committed to a course of action contrary to Scripture.
3. You have a stronghold if you resist the Word of God.

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4. You have a stronghold if you focus on the actions of others in order to defend your behavior.
5. You have a stronghold if you are defensive when biblically confronted by spiritual leaders.
6. You have a stronghold if your mind holds any unscriptural idea.