STRONGHOLDS

As you identify the strongholds in your life, memorize the corresponding truth from scripture to help break free from that stronghold.

| STRONGHOLD | TRUTH |
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| BITTERNESS: resentment, hate, unforgiveness, anger violence, revenge, malice, holding a record of wrongs | FORGIVENESS: Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. – Colossians 3:13 |
| CONTROL: manipulation, lack of trust, worry, seeking recognition, guarded, seeking recognition | SURRENDER: Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others Philippians 2:3-4 |
| selfishness, misdirected goals, spiritual blindness, apathy, pride, stubbornness, divisions, unteachable spirit, vanity, self-righteousness, self-centeredness, seeking recognition, | CONTENTMENT: ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths 2 Timothy 4:3-4 |
| DISPAIR: depression, hopelessness, despair, self-pity, loneliness, addictions, suicidal thoughts / attempts | HOPE: Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful Hebrews 10:23 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. - 1 Peter 1:3-4 |
| JEALOUSY: spitefulness, gossip, slander, betrayal, critical / judgmental spirit | GREATFULNESS: But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth - James 3:14 |
| SEXUAL IMPURITY: lust, seductiveness, fornication, adultery, frigidity, pornography, sexual confusion, fantasizing | PURITY: Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. 19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. - 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 |

FALSE TEACHING / RELATIVISM:

occult practice, Ouija Boards, telepathy, invoking evil/dead spirits, fortune-telling, tarot cards, palm reading, astrology, blood pacts, fetishism, cults, religious pluralism, universalism,

GOD'S WORD:

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. - 2 Timothy 2:15

INSECURITY:

inferiority, inadequacy, timidity, withdrawal, people pleasing, lack of trust, worry, wrong relationships, anxiety

BELONGING:

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - John 1:12

you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household – Ephesians 2:19 (Isaiah 43:1-4, Psalm

REJECTION:

seeking acceptance, feeling unworthy, withdrawal, addictions, compulsions, workaholism

ACCEPTANCE:

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Romans 15:7

DECEIT:

lying, delusions, rationalizing, justifying, embellishment, misuse of scripture

TRUTHFULNESS:

Therefore, each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, - Ephesians 4:25

FEAR:

Phobias, compulsions, perfectionism, fear of failure, anxiety

TRUST

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

PRIDE:

controlling, boasting, belittling, conceit, taking credit, selfishness, self-righteousness, can't admit your wrong.

HUMILITY:

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. - Philippians 2:3-

MATERIALISM:

greed, entitlement, dissatisfaction, financial mismanagement, lack of stewardship, obsession with things,

CONTENTMENT:

But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

- 1 Timothy 6:6-8

APATHY:

lack of purpose, depression, laziness, non-empathetic,

PASSION:

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7