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### Stronghold of a Crooked Tongue

**Proverbs 12:22** Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are His delight.

**Psalms 119:29** Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me Thy law graciously.

**Ephesians 4:25** Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.

### Stronghold of a Corrupt Tongue

**Ephesians 5:3-4** But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

**James 3:10** Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

**Exodus 20:7** Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

### Stronghold of a Controlled Tongue

**Psalms 19:14** Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

**Psalms 141:3** Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

**Ecclesiastes 5:2** Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

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### Stronghold of a Cutting Tongue

**Ephesians 4:29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

**Ephesians 4:31-32** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

**Proverbs 31:26** She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

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## 2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-4

# STRONGHOLDS

### Stronghold of Wrong Friends

#### (Say "no" to wrong friends)

**Prov 1:10** My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

**Prov 9:6** Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

**Prov 13:20** He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

### Stronghold of Wrong Friends

#### (Use discretion in choosing friends)

**Proverbs 2:11-15** Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: to deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked; whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths.

### Stronghold of Wrong Friends (Choose friends who walk with God)

**Psalms 119:63** I am a companion of all them that fear Thee, and of them that keep Thy precepts.

**Proverbs 17:17** A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

**Proverbs 27:17** Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

### Stronghold of Wrong Friends (Flee selfish, sinful friends)

**2 Timothy 3:2-5** For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

### Stronghold of Wrong Friends (Choose loving friends)

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7** Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

### Stronghold of Wrong Friends (Choose friends who keep you accountable)

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12** Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

### Stronghold of Wicked Thinking (Honor God)

**Psalm 19:14** Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

**Isaiah 26:3-4** Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee.

**Psalm 94:7-9** Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it. Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise? He that planted the ear, shall He not hear? He that formed the eye, shall He not see?

### Stronghold of Wicked Thinking (Flee Sin)

**Matthew 6:13** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

**Romans 13:14** But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

**Proverbs 4:14-15** Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

### Stronghold of Wicked Thinking (Hate Sin)

**Genesis 6:5** And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

**Psalm 97:10** Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: He preserveth the souls of His saints; He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

**Romans 12:9** Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

### Stronghold of Wicked Thinking (Be Prepared)

**2 Corinthians 10:4-5** (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

**Psalm 119:9-11** Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word. With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not wander from Thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.

**Psalm 119:15-16** I will meditate in Thy precepts, and have respect unto Thy ways. I will delight myself in Thy statutes: I will not forget Thy word.

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### Stronghold of Laziness (Be a servant at home)

**Ephesians 6:5-7** Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men.

**Colossians 3:22-24** Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: and whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

### Stronghold of Laziness (Don't be a lazy sloth)

**Proverbs 26:13-14** The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets. As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.

**Proverbs 24:30-32** I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; and, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.

### Stronghold of Laziness (Be as industrious as an ant)

**Proverbs 6:6-8** Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

**Romans 12:11** Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.

### Stronghold of Laziness (Don't be a lazy slug)

**Proverbs 6:9-11** How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: so shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

**Proverbs 20:4** The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

### Stronghold of Laziness (Diligently study God's Word)

**2 Timothy 2:15** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

**Joshua 1:8** This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

**Psalm 119:33-34** Teach me, O LORD, the way of Thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart