

Message:

“FIGHT THE POWER!”

From the Series:

“GROWN FOLK’S BUSINESS”

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 ESV

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵ We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, ⁶ being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

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TRICHOTOMY OF MAN

Spirit

Soul

Body

1 Thessalonians 5:23 ESV

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

BODY

- Earth suit.
- Temporary dwelling place.

2 Corinthians 5:1 (ESV)

¹ For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

SOUL

- Nephesh/Psuche – Appetite, Self, Desire, Passion
- Mind, will, emotion, intellect
- The ENEMY communicates with you through your soul

Genesis 2:7 (KJV)

⁷ And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Tries to get you to process the Word through human reasoning

Is 55:8-9 ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

SPIRIT

- The real you.
- Your connection to God.
- GOD communicates with you through your spirit

Proverbs 20:27 (ESV)

²⁷ The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord...

HEBREWS 4:12 ESV

¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

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We must get to the point where we truly understand that this is spiritual warfare! You cannot defeat the devil in the flesh.

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Warfare = campaign = fight.
Not guns, tanks, bombs. Not even punches, kicks, verbal assaults. Those are carnal.

The weapons God has given us have divine power to destroy = demolish = tear down

Strongholds.

[Fri] ὀχύρωμα, ατος, τό literally, as a military technical term fortified place, stronghold, bastion; figuratively in the NT as a strong system of philosophy and reasoned arguments false argument, opposed to the true knowledge of God

5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God
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Gk λογισμοὺς (logismous) – the activity of one's reasoning power, i.e. arguments, reasonings, reflections, thoughts, speculations, calculations, product of one's reasoning powers, product of mental process, sophistry

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[Fri] figuratively - of an exaggerated evaluation, all arrogance, every proud conceit or pretension (like a fortress with high walls and great towers)

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Every thought/mind/purpose/design/plot/act of processing thinking/intention/scheme ...

Take it captive/subdue it/gain control over/make prisoner of/carry away every thought to obey the Word

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