



*Dismantling Strongholds
Based on
Dave Williams' Message*

**“Everywhere I walk, I carry
the realm of another world.
I am the righteousness of
God in Christ.**

**I am an ambassador for my
Lord, on this Earth.**

**Holy Spirit do something
special in me.**

**Today give me ears to hear
and a heart to obey.**

In Jesus Name. Amen!”

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I. The blessings God wants to pour into our lives:

A. Examples of blessings:

1. Debt Cancellation
2. Supernatural Supply
3. Multiplication and Increase
4. Healings
5. Miracles

B. *The Blessings of God Are Yes and Amen in Christ.*

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C. **Can you think of any Biblical examples of these blessings?**

D. Occasionally an answered blessing falls on us like a grain of sand.

E. Deception sets in and is one of the primary weapons of the devil, and it will become building blocks for a Stronghold.

Why do so many of us have difficulty receiving the blessings, gifts, promises and state-

II. The Blockage

A. Strongholds keep us from the blessings God readily wants to give to us.

“So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: ‘How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house.’”

Mark 3:24-28

III. Stronghold: *A fortified place or a fortress
*A place of survival or refuge
*An area dominated or occupied by a special group or distinguished by a special quality

Satan's Primary Weapon To Block Us From God's Blessings:

“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.”

1 Corinthians 10:4-5 NIV

IV. Three Parts:

A. *Body, Soul, and Spirit*

B. In the middle is the spirit of the mind. Satan is in a battle for the spirit of our mind.

C. A stronghold is a faulty thinking pattern based on lies and deception that we believe.

D. Strongholds have been built up in our minds which is not SAVED the minute we get saved.

E. Strongholds have come to us from the time of our birth, things our parents or authority figures have taught us.

F. Strongholds can be built up in groups, communities, families or churches and becomes a cultural thing.

G. Strongholds are not demons, but demons hide behind them; manipulate us and control us and keep us from God's blessings.

V. Causes of the blockage or stronghold:

A. Comfort: Everything is comfortable in life; everything is familiar; and I am satisfied with my God walk.

God does not want us comfortable but challenged.

"Faith in God will take you out of your comfort zone challenge you, and lead you onto unknown paths that you have never travelled before. It's not predictable or easy but it's worth the ride."

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B. Arrogance

I know it all; therefore you cannot teach me anything.

C. Unbelief or Disbelief

Unbelief is not knowing something you are suppose to believe.

Disbelief is knowing the promise but not believing it is for you.

D. Shame Based Thinking

E. Excuse Making

Too many people make excuses rather than believing the promises of God.

VI. I carry the Kingdom of God everywhere I go through the Holy Spirit and He wants to free us from the blockages of satan so God's blessings will freely flow to His people.

After The Message

I. Make a memory verse challenge:

Parents choose a verse or more then one verse from the message that you can memorize: Have a prize for the one who memorizes it first...the prize does not have to cost money it could be your favorite meal

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II. Experiment:

Do a little experiment: It will take a funnel, a jar, some cardboard, sand, army men (or any small people figurines) and dice.

Put the army men inside the jar and place the funnel over the jar. Let the sand represent God's blessings. To begin, hold the funnel about an inch above the jar. Using the corner of the cardboard, only allow the cardboard to let a little bit of the sand to fall on the army men through the small hole of the funnel. Now play a little game. Roll the Dice: on 1, 2, or 3 put the card board slightly over the corner of the hole and let the sand fall for 1 second. On 4 or 5 let the sand flow from the hole for 1 second, without the cardboard. If it lands on 6, for 1 second use the big end of the funnel and pour the sand on the army men.

To have more fun with this game have two to four of each of the jars, cardboard, funnel and sand. When the army men are covered (representing the Blessings) that person wins the game.

Talk about the causes that keep us from God's blessings.

II. Stronghold example from: Mark 3:24-28

Have a little bag of something your children would such as toys, cookies, new book, etc. Let Dad play the strong man protecting the children from getting the bag of treats.

Now using toilet paper or plastic wrap get wrap Dad up. Talk about how a strong man is not strong anymore...if they are all tied up. Show how the children can easily take the prize away from Dad. Even though the Holy Spirit is stronger than satan in our lives...we can be all tied up by the strongholds in our lives and Satan can steal everything in our lives. Cut Dad loose and talk about ways we can be FREE from the strongholds that keep us from God's blessings!

Enjoy opening the treat bag together as you talk!